

# '70 State Statistics Show Gains, Losses

The 1970 statistical summary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention has been released, showing both gains and losses as compared to the figures for 1969.

The summary was released by the Research and Statistics Department

## Day Camping Clinic Set For Mar. 16-17

A statewide Baptist Day Camping Clinic will be held at Camp Gaywa near Clinton March 16-17.



Miss Sorrell



Mr. Dixon Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department, and Miss Waudine Storey, Girls in Action director of the WMU.

The purpose of the clinic is to train leaders from churches throughout the state in the skills of day camping so that they may conduct a camp for children in a local church or associa-

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of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and will be included in the Southern Baptist Convention handbook to be published soon.

Total membership of the churches for 1970 is 536,667, compared to 531,206 in 1969, an increase of 5,461.

The number of churches showed an increase of two, from 1881 in 1969 to 1883 in 1970.

Baptisms for 1970 were 15,237, a decrease of 292 under the 15,529 reported in 1969.

Additions to the churches by letter totaled 23,071 for 1970, compared to 23,832 for 1969, a decrease of 761.

Music ministry enrollment for 1970 was 61,691, a gain of 240 over 1969. The following five church organizations all had decreases for 1970 under 1969:

Sunday School — 1970, 313,994; 1969, 317,729; loss 3,735.

Vacation Bible School—1970, 133,092; 1969, 165,784; loss 31,692.

Training Union—1970, 137,935; 1969, 144,438; loss 6,503.

Woman's Missionary Union — 1970, 51,854; 1969, 56,079; loss 4,225.

Brotherhood—1970, 18,700; 1969, 18,769; loss 69.

The value of church property for 1970 totaled \$179,787,184, compared to \$171,691,195 for 1969, a gain of \$8,095,989.

Total receipts for 1970 were \$41,425,173, compared to \$39,259,198 in 1969, an increase of \$2,165,975.

Total mission gifts for 1970 were \$6,573,434, compared to \$6,580,305, a slight decrease of \$6,871.

The number of associations, 76, remained the same for 1969 and 1970.

The Research and Statistics Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville gathers the information each year from the annual associational letters and compiles the data for all the state conventions in the Southern Convention.

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Dr. Edwin Robinson  
Executive Secretary



Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr.  
Music Leader-Soloist



Mrs. Vernon May  
President



Miss Alma Hunt  
Speaker

## State WMU Convention Mar. 23-24

The annual convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson March 23-24.

A highlight of this year's convention will be the honoring of Dr. Edwin Robinson, executive secretary-treasurer, upon the occasion of her retirement on May 1.

Dr. Robinson has been executive secretary-treasurer since 1944 and at the time of her retirement she will have served for 37 years and 10 months, the longest term of service

in the history of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

From 1933 until 1944 she served as young people's secretary.

The program honoring Dr. Robinson will be held Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:00, to be followed at 8:00 o'clock by a reception in Fellowship Hall to which everyone is invited.

Up to 1500 women, from every section of the state, are expected to attend the meeting to begin at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:30 p. m. on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president, will preside over the sessions.

Principal speakers will include Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham; Mrs. David Fite, former missionary to Cuba, who will speak on "Serving under Communism" and Dr. James Belote, secretary to East Asia, Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

Other Southern Baptist missionaries who will appear on program include Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Simpson, Ecuador; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Indonesia; Mrs. Guy Henderson, Korea; and Rev. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert, Ecuador.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be the final speaker Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Robinson will lead the worship period at each session.

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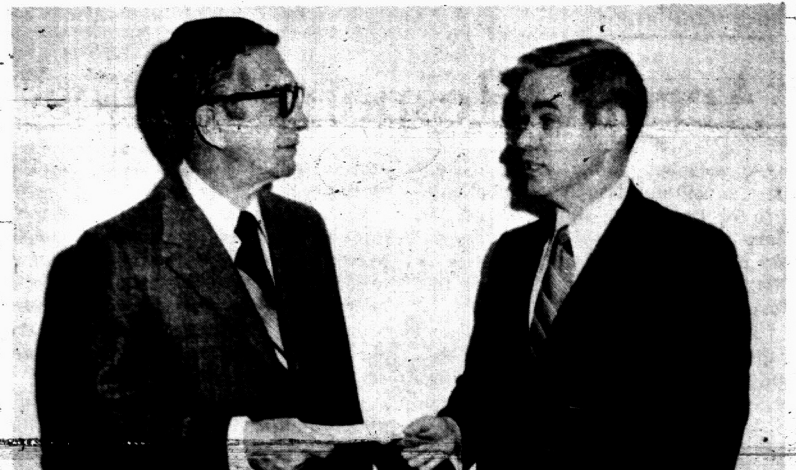
## An Appeal To Our People

The Convention Board's Executive Committee has authorized an appeal to Mississippi Baptists for immediate aid to several of our churches suffering tragic losses from recent devastating tornadoes. Details of losses are given elsewhere in this issue. The need for help is real. Churches are requested to bring this opportunity for assistance to their people immediately. I would suggest that our pastors might take care of this matter next Sunday. Many individuals will want to have a part in addition to what their churches do. All contributions should be mailed to:

The Treasurer's Office,  
Mississippi Baptist Building,  
P. O. Box 530,  
Jackson, Miss. 39205

The allocation of all undesignated funds will be made by the Executive Committee according to the comparative needs of the congregations affected. May I urge you to act NOW!

W. Douglas Hudgins  
Executive Secretary



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, (left) receives from Rev. Bob Calvert, associate pastor of Ridgecrest Church in Jackson, a check for \$435.00, the first one received in the appeal for funds to assist the tornado-stricken Baptist churches in the Delta. Dr. Earl Kelly is pastor.

## SBC Executive Committee Sets '72 Budget Recommendations

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, after hearing pleas for increased operating funds and financial projections of income unequal to the needs, voted here to recommend a nine-month SBC budget for 1972 of \$24.6 million, an increased of 3.37 per cent.

The convention, moving to a new fiscal year in October of 1972, will operate from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1972, on the same basic operating budget for nine months as the 1971 budget level, if the proposed 1972 budget is adopted by the convention in St. Louis.

The budget increase would come in the capital needs section rather than in the operating section, SBC officials

said. Amount of the proposed increase is \$787,500, or 3.37 per cent. The 1.79 per cent increase in Cooperative Program funds in 1970 created a \$932,000 deficit in approved capital funds. It is anticipated that another \$1,050,000 will be added to this deficit in 1971.

On a nine-month basis, the proposed budget includes \$21.8 million in operating funds; \$932,927 for capital funds not reached in 1970; \$1,050,000 in capital funds not expected to be reached in 1971; plus the \$787,500 in capital needs for 1972.

In other actions, the Executive Committee voted partially on the basis of new hotel construction to recommend Norfolk, Va., for the second time as the proposed site of the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention session, approved a study committee report

expressing support for a Negro Baptist seminary in Nashville, one commission member had advocated closing, and recommended that members to boards of trustees for Baptist agencies be nominated without regard to race, sex, or national origin.

The Executive Committee took further steps to phase out the Hospital Agency of the SBC by recommending bylaws changes for action at the 1971 convention in St. Louis; expressed belief that the "Baptist Faith and Message" Statement of 1963 is

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## State Handbell Festival Ready

A statewide Baptist Handbell Festival will be held at the Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson Saturday, March 6, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Saxe Adams, music consultant of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be guest clinician and judge.

The program, which will begin with registration at 9:30 a. m., will be closed and climaxed with a concert to be held at 2:00 p. m.

Other program features will include adjudication of bell choirs, combined choir ringing, display of materials and a conference for beginning leaders and ringers.

Handbell choirs from every section of the state are expected to attend. Joe Santo, minister of music at First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., an experienced handbell director, will be conference leader and judge.

The planning committee is composed of Bill Santo of the host church; Noxie Taylor, First Church, Louisville; Eugene Price, Central Church, McComb; and Paul Padgett, First Church, Magee.

NASHVILLE (BP) — William A. Harrell, 67, longtime secretary of the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist



Dr. Harrell

Sunday School Board died Feb. 26 at Baptist Hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack while attending a Downtown Kiwanis Club luncheon.

Harrell, who joined the board in Decem-

ber, 1926, served as associate secretary for department young people's and adult Sunday school work until 1933.

He was associate secretary of the Baptist Training Union department of the board from 1933 until 1940 when he assumed his position as head of the architecture department.

Harrell, who was honored last Dec. 11 with a retirement dinner at First Baptist Church, here was scheduled to retire March 31.

Prior to coming to the board, Harrell was a field worker for the Ba-

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES ELECT PATTERSON AS NEW PRESIDENT

SARASOTA, Fla. (BP)—T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected president of the Association of Baptist State Executive Secretaries during annual session here.

Vice president elected by the state executive secretaries was Paul James, of the Baptist Convention of New York, and secretary-treasurer was James Smith of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Most of the sessions were devoted to sharing of common problems among the executive secretaries of the 32 Baptist state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

General Convention of Texas.

A native of Grandview, Tex., Harrell attended Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Tex., (now Dallas Baptist College,) Dallas; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

The architecture department he had wrote two books, Planning Better Church Buildings and Providing Adequate Church Property and Buildings.

He also co-authored several Sunday School and Training Union books and manuals.

He was married to the former Louise Jarrell Dec. 16, 1928.

He has traveled to Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Asia, the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand and Australia in the interest of church buildings programs as well as covering almost every state in the United States.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as a deacon, usher and teacher in First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Survivors include his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Susan Smart of Austin, Tex.

## Is There A True Denominationalism?

By E. Y. Mullins

Is there a true denominationalism? Or are those right who refer to denominations as "our unhappy divisions" and regard them as hindrances to the progress of Christ's kingdom? The purpose of this article is to show that there is a true and worthy denominationalism, and also to indicate the need for loyalty to the beliefs and work of the denomination.

Some Reasons for Denominational Loyalty

1. The fundamental reason for denominational loyalty is found in our fundamental principle. There are various

ways of stating the fundamental Baptist principle. For practical purposes the best form of the statement is that it is obedience to Jesus Christ. This is the plumbline for us which keeps the building of the wall on the right line, the ballast which holds the ship in an upright position.

Obedience to Christ is personal. Proxy obedience is not obedience. Hence every man should read and interpret the Scriptures for himself. Hence a Baptist cannot accept infant baptism, which is proxy and not personal obedience. Hence he also rejects priests, bishops, and ecclesiast-

ical courts. They are forms of proxy obedience. Hence our doctrine of democracy and self-government in the church.

Our view of the ordinances is determined by the principle of obedience to Jesus Christ. So, also, our view of missions and all Christian enterprises.

In the Bible we find the will of Christ expressed. The principle of obedience to Christ leads us, therefore, to accept the teachings of the Bible as our rule of faith and practice.

All these things belong to the priceless heritage of spiritual truth which has come to us. We must preserve it

and perpetuate it. The world needs these principles today, and it is for us to hold them as a sacred trust for all mankind.

2. Again, denominational loyalty makes for denominational efficiency, and denominational efficiency is the highest known form of organized Christian efficiency. Efficient people are those united by common convictions, common purposes, and organized for common ends. Conviction, deep and strong, is a psychological necessity for real efficiency. Convic-

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## Annie Armstrong Offering At Work

Missionary George Hook (left) brings cassette tapes to Charlie and Fannie Crosby, Arizona Indians ministered to by the Leupp Baptist Mission. Examples of the people and methods of home missions to be nurtured with aid of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Goal: \$6,000,000.



# SBC Executive Committee Sets '72 Budget Recommendations

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"not amendable," and recommended that no action be taken to change the basis of representation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The budget, bylaws changes, and recommended site for the 1976 convention must be approved by the convention when it meets in St. Louis, June 1-4.

Most of the time during the committee meeting was spent grappling with the budget. During a full day of budget hearings, 20 SBC agencies presented pleas for increased operating funds totaling \$34.1 million.

During a subcommittee meeting, however, financial projections were presented indicating that anticipated Cooperative Program (unified budget) income for 1971 would be about \$29.2 million — enough to meet the operating budget, but not enough to pay the 1971 capital needs, nor the 1970 capital needs not met last year.

The budget that was recommended, though only an increase of \$787,500 over the 1971 budget, is actually an increase of more than \$2.9 million over anticipated 1971 receipts, if the nine-month budget recommended is projected on a 12-month basis.

During discussion of the budget, R. Jack Robinson, pastor in Augusta, Ga., said that the committee was faced with urgent needs for operating increases totalling more than \$5 million, yet because of capital needs that must be paid, the amount of available funds for the operating section was only about \$50,000 more in 1972 than in 1971.

"We are heart-sick," Robinson said. "We felt that if we did it this way [recommended no operating increases for 1972], everyone would feel the need equally, and we would all go home and do our best to see that we come back next year with a chance to do some expanding in the operating budgets."

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, in an impassioned plea to the committee, said that it was the first time since World War II that the SBC has not been able to increase operating funds, and that the "bur-

dens will be felt" all around the world.

He urged the committee members and SBC leaders present to return home and do everything possible to create an atmosphere of challenge to "pour all we can into the Cooperative Program so that what we've done today will never occur again."

Cecil Ray, Stewardship Division director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, pointed out that even though operating funds were not increased, the proposed goal for 1972 on a 12-month basis is not a decline — it is a major advance of nearly \$3 million over anticipated receipts in 1971.

**Rough In Warning**  
Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, warned against leaving with a spirit of pessimism, suggesting rather that members should go "rejoicing with optimism that receipts during January and February have increased substantially. We hope and pray that the economy and stewardship of Southern Baptists will stay above four per cent increase in giving, and let's all pray and work to that end." Routh said.

In a related, but separate action, the Executive Committee voted to authorize the treasurer to make 1971 operating budget distributions on the full amounts allocated, unless the present of increase in giving for 1971 should fall below four per cent. In that case, the treasurer was instructed "to send no operating funds in excess of 7.32 per cent increase" over 1960 allocations "until all agencies receiving less than 7.32 per cent have received their authorized increase."

With the exception of the budget, most of the other discussion was devoted to a recommendation from the administration, committee suggesting that the SBC vote on either Norfolk, Va., or Detroit, as alternative choices for the 1976 convention site.

After lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee voted 22-9 to amend the subcommittee's recommendation by eliminating Detroit, and recommending for the second straight year that the convention meet in Norfolk.

June 15-17, 1976. Last year, when a similar recommendation was made, the SBC referred the matter back to the committee for more study.

Major objection to Norfolk as a meeting site was voiced by Rufus Spraberry, pastor from Mineral Wells, Tex., who cited a clause in SBC convention procedures which states that no city shall be considered in which "there is a considerable distance between the available hotels and the convention hall."

About two-thirds of the 6,000 available hotel rooms for the Norfolk site are about 18 miles away (24 minutes by freeway) in Virginia Beach, but the subcommittee, after investigating the situation, said it felt strongly that Norfolk should be recommended.

Several committee members voiced objections to Detroit as a site, saying they had a "bad experience" with hotels there during the 1966 convention session.

Discussion also was prompted by a subcommittee recommendation that the SBC committee on committees and the committee on boards be requested to consider representation of ethnic groups on convention boards, agencies, commissions and committees.

An amendment proposed by Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, Ala., was approved expanding the scope of the recommendation by reminding the two committees that there are no constitutional provisions limiting nomination of such trustees and committee members on the basis of age, national origin, sex or race.

Most of the discussion centered around the question of why "ethnic groups" should be singled out and made a "special category."

On a similar subject, the Executive Committee approved a committee study which in effect gave a vote of confidence to American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, a predominantly black Bible school with about 80 students. The school is operated jointly by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.

Last year Guy Hellamy, retired director of work with National Baptists for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, urged that the school be closed because, he said, it had served its usefulness in an age when black students should be encouraged to attend integrated institutions. Hellamy, a member of the seminary's commission, has since resigned as a commissioner.

The committee study, quoted seminary officials, black leaders and students as saying the school met a definite need and there was no other school of its type students could attend, that Negro Baptists had increased their financial support, and that the school is a "mission-under-taking."

On the action regarding the recommendation that the SBC discontinue the "Hospital Agency" of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee urged the board members to seek compliance with SBC action in Denver to change the names of the hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., so it will be clear that they are not state Baptist convention or SBC institutions.

**Tie Were Severed**  
Last year, the convention severed ties with the two hospitals and set up procedures in a two-year sequence to divest itself of the hospital agency. The bylaws changes approved for recommendation to the convention would be the final stage of the process.

Two other actions by the Executive Committee referred to previous votes of the SBC. One responded to a request from James L. Sullivan of the SBC Sunday School Board asking the committee to clarify procedures necessary to change the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement. The committee said it believed the statement was "not amendable," since it is "the articles of faith of the 1963 convention."

A second action referring to a previous convention request recommended that no change be made in the basis of representation in the SBC "because it is our opinion that no idea or suggestion has been made thus far that would improve the existing basis of representation of messengers" to the SBC.

It was pointed out that the committee held three "public hearings" to obtain opinions on how SBC representation could or should be changed, but a total of five people showed up for two hearings. An opinion poll conducted in connection with the study showed that more than 90 per cent of SBC pastors, deacon chairmen and Woman's Missionary Union presidents surveyed felt the present system should be retained.

The Executive Committee asked its program committee to study proposals by the SBC Radio and Television Commission for that agency's program statement to allow TIMERITE, a subsidiary corporation of the commission, to work in the print media area. Past operations by TIMERITE in this area have exceeded the scope and intention of the program statement, the action stated. TIMERITE

## Baptist Churches Destroyed Or Damaged By Tornadoes

On page one in this issue of the Baptist Record there is an appeal to Mississippi Baptists to respond to the needs of several Baptist churches in the Mississippi Delta area that were struck by the series of tornadoes that hit on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Damage to five churches and pastor's homes has been reported thus far in the Baptist Record.

The First Church of Inverness was completely destroyed, with the pastor's home and automobile both receiving major damage.

Central Church at Little Yazoo was completely destroyed, as well as the pastor's home and automobile.

The Delta City church and pastor's home were both completely destroyed. The church at Tillatoba received partial damage with the pastor's home receiving major damage.

The Benton church and pastor's home both received partial damage.



## BMC Employs Director Of Development

Bobby N. Burress, former superintendent of Iuka Public Schools, has been employed by Blue Mountain College as director of development. Mr. Burress, a Blue Mountain College graduate, earned the Master's degree in Administration from Florence State University and has completed additional graduate study at Mississippi State University.

He has served 13 years as a pastor in north Mississippi. He is an educator with experience as a teacher, principal, and superintendent.

Among the many professional and civic organizations of which he is a member are, Mississippi Education Association, Tishomingo Teachers Association, Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Mississippi Association of school Superintendents, and the Rotary Club.

He is married to the former Ouida Smith. They are the parents of four children, three girls and a boy.

## WMU Convention

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Dr. Claude Rhea, Jr., professor of music at Samford University, Birmingham, will lead convention music and sing a solo at each session.

Mrs. Harold Basden, of Richmond, Va., formerly of Jackson, will play the marimba for special music throughout the convention.

Mrs. Bob Simmons of Meridian will be organist with Mrs. James Richardson of Leland as pianist.

Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the Wednesday morning session with Mrs. Carey Cox of Clinton, vice-president, directing.

A business session will also be held Wednesday morning which will include the election of officers and reports of registration, courtesy and other committees.

Convention theme will be "Forward to Christ."

Other officers are Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary.

Greetings will be brought by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, state Baptist executive secretary.

Dr. Joe Tuten is host pastor. Miss Marjean Patterson, Baptist Women director of the WMU, has been elected as executive secretary-treasurer-elect and will assume that post when Dr. Robinson retires May 1.

## Day Camping

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tion and train others in the skills of day camping.

The clinic will begin at 1 p. m., March 16 and close March 17 with lunch.

Things to be studied, according to the leaders, include: what is day camping, camp staff selection and training, equipment, schedule, organization, campsite, and activities.

## Revival Dates

Spring Creek Church (Neshoba): March 11-14; Paul Bryant, student at Clarke College, and pastor in Winston County, evangelist; Rev. Larry Russell, pastor.

## California Youth March

# Spiritual Revolution Now Is Urged

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (BP) — More than 7,000 Christian youth, singing "Amazing Grace" and carrying placards urging "Spiritual Revolution Now," marched on the California capitol during a "Spiritual Revolution Day" observance here in mid-February.

Many of the young people came from California Southern Baptist churches, although there was no way to accurately estimate the number of participants.

Significance of the march was summed up by Richard Weaver, 25, who headed up the rally as president of an organization called Students for Spiritual Revolution.

"What we're seeing today is a happening all over America," Weaver told the crowd. There is a revolution for Jesus Christ on now, Weaver said. He added that a similar march and rally was being planned for July 3, 1971, in Washington, D. C.

Youth from as far away as Colorado, Texas, San Diego, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., journeyed to march in the half-way rally and parade, according to the rally's sponsors.

Christians of several races, and of different styles of dress and appearance — the hip and the straight, the young and the old — took part. The

majority were high school and college age youths.

Last August, the California State Senate passed a resolution declaring Feb. 13 as Spiritual Revolution Day. The measure, presented by State Sen. Albert Rodda of Sacramento called on California citizens to join in the observance through appropriate ceremonies and programs.

Typical of the responses among youth who were asked why they came was that of Vicki Allman, 13, of Balboa Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Calif.

"I love Jesus — I came," she said. Her reason was echoed throughout the afternoon by others who attended the march and rally on the steps and mall of the Capitol Building.

Among the numerous Christian groups represented was a delegation from the "Christian House" in Vacaville, Calif. Twenty walkers left the house for a two-day trudge carrying a 150-pound cross for 28 miles.

Along the way, they stopped in nearly every town to witness, according to Robert Trusty, a bearded young man who is house elder for the group.

The march differed in many ways from other revolutionary or protest marches. Signs and cameras were part of the usual equipment, but something new was added — the Bible.

The signs were different, too. One read, "Uncle Sam, Jesus Wants You." Most frequently, they said, "Spiritual Revolution Now."

The parade formed at noon when the "Jesus people" were organized into platoons. Instructions were given the marchers to keep order, to set a good example, to stay in the streets in ordered ranks, and to pray for success of the observance.

As they walked for 15 blocks to the Capitol Building, they sang, "Amazing Grace," the chorus, "Amen," and "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Sacramento police kept automobile traffic out of the line of the marchers. "How can you oppose something like this," one police lieutenant asked. "It would be like saying you hate your mother," he added.

A state policeman said he was amazed at the rally. "I thought all young people thought about was destruction and hate."

**Arthur Blessitt Speaks**  
During the rally, five major speakers addressed the crowd, including Weaver, the editor of the Hollywood Free Paper, Dwayne Peterson, State Assemblyman Newton Russell of Burbank, Calif.; Black Evangelist, Al Hopson; and Arthur Blessitt, Southern Baptist evangelist who directs a street ministry on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, Calif.

Blessitt made headlines last year with a march from California to Washington, D. C., pulling a cross and leading a rally at the nation's capital.

Blessitt lashed out at what he called

the inconsistencies of the nation's leaders who hold a cocktail glass in one hand and try to tell young people not to "blow grass." He urged President Nixon to hold a news conference calling the nation back to God.

Blessitt said he was sick of government studies which identify problems. "We know the problems — now we need the solution," which, he added, is Jesus Christ.

Hopson, the black evangelist, urged the youth to look at the churches of today as "a mission field" — needing help.

Saying that color doesn't make any difference, Hopson added that "Black Panthers are being saved and are preaching the gospel."

Russell, the state assemblyman, cited the problems of governmental budgeting, welfare administration, moral problems, ecology and pollution of the environment. As he discussed each problem, he could call out, "What is the answer?"

"Jesus," the youthful crowd repeatedly replied.

## State Student Directors Elect Webb As New President

CHICAGO (BP) — The State Baptist Student Directors Association, an organization of statewide workers with Baptist students, elected Joe H. Webb, state-director of the department of student work for the Florida Baptist Convention, as the organization's new president.

Webb succeeds Clyde Clayton, state student director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, as president of the organization.

Most of the meeting, held here at the Center for Continuing Education of the University of Chicago, was devoted to discussion of Baptist work with students and a sharing of common problems faced by the state student work directors.

Outside speakers brought addresses on conversational prayer, coffeehouse ministries, youth culture, crisis centers and their role in counseling and suicide prevention, and youth evangelism.

Speakers included Rosalind Rinker, former missionary to China and author of books on conversational prayer; Robert Zapata, director of eight coffeehouse ministries in Chicago; Paul Little, director of evangelism for InterVarsity; and Jan Fawcett, a psychiatrist at University of Illinois' Institute of Mental Health.

In addition to Webb, Bill Marshall, state secretary of the department of student work for the Missouri Baptist Convention, was elected secretary treasurer of the organization.

## Bates Challenge

# "Accept Responsibilities"

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention issued a challenge here for Baptists to stop engaging "in sharp and loveless controversies" and to accept their responsibilities as God's trustees and witnesses in the world.

Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., and president of the 11.6 million-member convention, made the plea during a Cooperative Program rally sponsored by the denomination's Stewardship Commission.

"Many feel that the Southern Baptist Convention has begun to engage in sharp and loveless controversies which could conceivably distract us from the main task of the people of God," Bates told more than 200 Baptist leaders attending the rally.

He cited trends in church history, observing that when this occurred, the churches became unconcerned about the world, and the "little deposit of religiosity left, soured and putrefied the lives of the membership and the total movement became a grief to God."

Southern Baptists, he stated, must find their way "into a fresh understanding of the 'trustee-witness' concept of the scriptures."

Asked later to explain what he meant by the term "trustee-witness," Bates replied that every Christian has been entrusted by God with the management of certain affairs for God,

and is thus both a "trustee" and a "witness."

He added that the word "trustee" implies some of the same responsibility as the word "steward" or "stewardship," but that he felt a fresh concept needed to emerge with excitement and creativity concerning the "trusteeship" (or stewardship) of responsibility Christians have.

In his address, Bates said that this concept is largely neglected, and that Baptists have not been taught what it really means to be a "trustee-witness."

While Baptists have emphasized the responsibility of tithing (giving one-tenth to the church), they have often neglected to teach that "not just a tithe is holy unto the Lord, but all of life's wealth is a trust," Bates said.

"Our willingness to compromise for a portion in giving has carried over into our missions philosophy," he added. "We have tried to conduct missions by proxy."

"I do not believe we shall long survive when the total task of the church is done by a few," the SBC president declared.

He expressed doubt that anyone present really believes "that he can give his proxy to witness to our mission boards and their missionaries."

**Urges Cooperation**  
"Why, then," he questioned, "do we hope to succeed by proxy promotion in stewardship (trusteeship)?"

Committed to world missions



PLEA FOR MISSIONS SUPPORT: CARL BATES (at podium), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, issued a plea for Southern Baptists to stop engaging in "sharp and loveless controversies" and instead to deepen their commitment to world missions. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., made the plea in a Cooperative Program luncheon rally sponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission at Nashville's Hermitage Hotel. More than 200 Baptist leaders from across the nation attended. (BP) photo.



# A True Denominationalism?

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tion is like the grip of the hand on a tool one uses. Unless the grip is firm, the tool falls from the hand, or makes no impression on the material to which it is applied.

Christian history shows that the denominational group, in so far as it has been united and strong in a common organization and purposes, has been the most effective means of spreading Christianity.

3. A third reason for denominational loyalty is that an intelligent Baptist cannot accept the set of doctrines held by any other body of Christians in the world today. If another denomination holds to sacramental salvation, priesthoods, and prelaties; or if it holds to infant baptism, or rejects the New Testament teaching as to immersion and as to a regenerate church membership, a Baptist is debarred from accepting its beliefs, since they are against his own fundamental conviction as to the revealed will of Christ which is set forth in the New Testament.

It would be fatal blindness on the part of Christians generally to imagine that any kind of mere external union would prove successful. Union on a basis of compromise would be morally wrong. No man can be asked to surrender a conscientious conviction to secure any kind of desired end.

It follows from what has been said

that an intelligently loyal Baptist is one who knows the reasons for the faith that is in him and holds that faith as a clear teaching of the New Testament. A Baptist who is a Baptist merely because his parents were Baptists, or because it is more convenient or agreeable, or because profitable in a social or business way to be a Baptist, has not yet found the highest motive for his allegiance. He needs to obtain a clear view of the great principles which are the basis of his denominationalism, and to acquire a strong sense of the value of these principles to the world.

## Some Objections to

### Denominationalism of Any Kind

1. There are a number of objections which men urge against denominationalism. One is the alleged waste of money in reduplicating efforts in a given community. A half-dozen churches in a small town, a half-dozen pastors, a half-dozen salaries are said to be too many for Christian service.

There are situations where this may be granted. All bodies which can conscientiously unite should do so. Baptists are under obligations here as well as others. But no Baptist can unite, for example, with bodies who practice infant baptism, or deny the necessity for a regenerate church membership. I would not prescribe a course of conduct for other denominations save on this general principle:

Let all such organizations unite which can do so without violation of the principle of obedience to Christ.

We must remember, moreover, that financial considerations can never weigh against moral and spiritual principles. We should save our consciences first, not our money.

2. Another alleged objection is that it indicates a narrow spirit for Baptists to stand apart from other Christians. "Baptist exclusiveness is hurtful," it is said. The reply is that a man does not cease to be a Christian gentleman in becoming a loyal Baptist. On the contrary, every impulse to courtesy and consideration of others is stirred by his Baptist loyalty if a man really understands what it means.

All denominations are "exclusive" in the sense that they hold their own doctrinal views, their own form of organization, their own worship and church life, and maintain them. Baptists respect and honor all of them for their devotion to their ideals of right.

Baptists have ever insisted on religious liberty. Their alleged exclusiveness is simply the free exercise of their liberty in Christ, a liberty they recognize and approve in their brethren of other names.

3. Another objection frequently heard is that the divisions of modern Christendom are hurtful to the cause of Christ. This implies that every denomination should therefore be abolished. Undoubtedly it is true that a divided Christendom has many disadvantages. But other conditions might be worse. As between a divided Christendom where the divisions are based on conviction, born of a desire to obey Christ, and an artificial unity based merely on a desire that all should belong to one church, the intelligent Baptist will not hesitate. Better many denominations of conscientious people than one great organization of indifferent people.

Artificial union on a wrong basis would inevitably lead to new divisions. For just as soon as some man, or group of men, came to feel that the organization failed of doing the will of Christ at certain points, there would be a new movement and new divisions.

## Our Attitude Toward Other Denominations

The basis of a Baptist's attitude toward Christians of other names is mutual respect to convictions held honestly by both parties. This also determines the limits of co-operative Christian work. There are many forms of general effort in which Baptists may co-operate with Christians of other names without any compromise of principle. As Baptists, we need to recognize this. Otherwise, we are in danger of going to an extreme in one of two possible ways.

On the one hand, some will lose patience with all denominationalism and say that Baptist beliefs should be ignored in order to make way for fraternity and union. This is disastrous when it occurs. On the other hand, some will treat Christians of other names as heathen and publicans, and have no dealings with them. This is also disastrous.

Baptists are not Ishmaelites with their hands against all other Christians. They are rather a great body of men and women who desire supremely to do the will of Christ. They love and honor their brethren of other denominations and are trying to show them certain great truths fundamental to Christianity in its pure form. But they gladly welcome Christian fellowship with men and women of all names, and seek to co-operate with them for common ends where this can be done without violation of their own sense of obligation to Christ.

A true denominationalism, therefore, will include loyalty to Christ and his commandments as a sacred duty, without compromise, respecting, but not yielding, to the views of others for expediency's sake.

A true denominationalism will desire to have part in the great enterprises of those who share in a common New Testament faith and practice, and will include loyalty to the brethren who hold this common faith, with a desire that all men may come to know the truth of God. We must not permit our Baptist brethren to bear all the burdens and responsibilities of our general work without our aid if we ourselves expect to be regarded as loyal Baptists.

A true denominationalism will also include love for all who have faith in Jesus the Lord, and a willingness to work together with Christians of other names, in advancing the interests of the kingdom of God on earth, when this can be done without impairing Baptist efficiency and the violation of the Baptist conscience.

E. V. Mullins (1880-1922) was one of Southern Baptists' greatest leaders in the early part of this century. He was outstanding as pastor, seminary president and professor of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1921-24. He was the author of several books but this article comes from his miscellaneous writings. — Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

# A Christian Facing Death

By Albert M. Casteel  
Missionary, HMB

Dear Mary:

No, I am not angry with God. Like you, many have written asking about my attitude toward life since, at the age of forty with a devoted wife and four lovely children, my year-long illness was diagnosed as incurable cancer.

My tray, bearing a sumptuous roast chicken dinner, had just arrived when the doctor entered and declared, "Mr. Casteel, I have bad news and there is no easy way to tell you. You have cancer." He quickly mentioned several methods of possible treatment and seemed to be in a hurry to leave. As he left, I was calling Barbara, and then calmly enjoyed my dinner as she was enroute to the hospital.

Upon her arrival, we frankly discussed the imminency of death and how difficult it was to accept the fact of separation after a marriage of only fifteen years and my absence from our young children and their growing up without a father. But Mary, the thought never occurred to either of us that we could not or would not accept these crushing facts. We were not angry with anyone, and least of all, God. Our attitude was based upon our concept of God as a personal, all-wise, ever-present, comforting, and sustaining Being. Having believed in this truth for most of our lives, we were better fortified to accept that grim prospect without anger and with an attitude of profound trust in God.

Being human, at first we did wonder why the problem had not been discovered sooner. I had been examined by numerous specialists and had been in and out of the hospital for over a year. But the diagnosis had been a difficult one to make as the early symptoms were misleading. Now, after having read more about this type of cancer, we are able to sympathize with the many doctors who attended me but were unable to make a diagnosis. We certainly are not angry with any of them — we only pray that through God's wisdom medical science will be successful in its quest to find a cure for this dreaded disease.

Mary, we believe in divine healing and we are convinced that God does heal — even cancer — if He so desires. We furthermore believe that God can take this disease that I have,

seemingly a chastening defeat to many, and turn it into a glorious victory for Himself. Also, there are new means and methods by and through which we can serve the Lord and our fellowman. We accept my illness as a unique opportunity for service. During these long months we have had many privileges to extend our ministry by expressing our faith in the Lord to the many who have visited my bedside. Letters go out daily giving voice to the assurance we have that God is with us, that He has never and will never leave nor forsake us. We also tell of God's goodness to us by tape recordings which are exchanged with friends.

Life itself is the greatest miracle! Human existence for just one day or one hour is something miraculous. And since the Christian thinks in terms of eternity, he does not concern himself too much with the brevity of a life span — be it forty years or eighty. How can this brief pilgrimage be compared to eternity? And the Christian faith gives this assurance of eternal, never-ending life!

My perspective of life is strangely different now. Prior to the onset of this illness my continual thanksgiving to God was largely ritualistic. Now, when I thank Him for each new day, it comes from the innermost part of my soul. Each minute that ticks by makes me realize that all time is under the administration of God. The song of the bird outside my window is more melodious and inspiring; God's whole creation has taken on new value. The sun is brighter, the moon clearer, the children's noise at play is a welcomed sound.

And Mary, Christians are rewarded for the good they do. Here again our reaction is based upon our concept of rewards. A reward is all too often thought of as something tangible which is good and profitable. Indeed, I have already been rewarded in many ways. For example, we are told that in the normal lifetime of a missionary, he may expect to establish six or eight new churches. The Lord has richly blessed my humble efforts in that we have seen the beginning of a dozen churches, and 2,000 persons have professed faith in Christ as Saviour. But God's most treasured rewards are not seen by the human eye

—they are eternal. Therefore, if I am not healed, and I do in fact succumb to this disease, this in eternal terminology will be my greatest victory, my finest hour. For me, death has no sting; the grave wins no victory. It will merely be a change of residence, a departing for my eternal home.

I feel most fortunate to have had some advance warning. The Lord has given me the opportunity and insight to get my will in order, to make arrangements for my funeral and burial, and to obtain for Barbara all the information concerning benefits upon which she and the children can depend for their material existence. I am happy that I will not leave all this burden to her at a time when she will have all too many decisions to make. Knowing that the end could come any time has challenged me to give special and concentrated teachings to the children and express certain last wishes to other members of the family. Most people die without having the opportunity to do these things.

So Mary, I trust you will better understand why I say I am not angry and why I feel that I have been sufficiently rewarded. If my attitude and faith is commendable, the honor is due the Lord whom I have tried to serve. If such an assurance is desirable, it is readily available to anyone who has the volition to humbly cosign his life to Jesus Christ by faith. It is truly marvelous to be able to say: "For no one of us lives and equally no one of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live for the Lord and if we die we die for the Lord, whether therefore we live or die, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8, NEB).

Sincerely,  
Al

(Note: Albert and Barbara Casteel have been missionaries under the Home Mission Board since 1958. They presently live at 3002 Dudley Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37212 while Albert is under treatment at Vanderbilt University Hospital. Albert wrote this letter to a friend who wrote saying, "Al, you must be terribly angry with God." Mr. Casteel attempts to answer several other questions which have been directed to him during his illness.)

## Church Library Department Announces Emphasis Theme

NASHVILLE—"Study to show yourself approved unto God" has been announced by the church library department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as theme for the National Library Week — Church Library emphasis.

The week of activities, slated for April 18-24, is the focus of a month-long emphasis on church library ministries.

Primary emphasis of the week will be on personal Bible study with a related emphasis on family study.

The library can be an invaluable tool in individual or family Bible

study," said Wayne E. Todd, secretary of the church library department.

The department head cited Bible handbooks, commentaries, dictionaries, devotional books and recordings and filmstrips as but a few of the helps available from church libraries.

Church library emphasis also will promote the adding of Bible study helps to home libraries of church members.

The church library department now has registered nearly 2,000 church libraries and about 550 associational library organizations.

## Joe Ann Shelton Resigns From Radio-TV Commission For Concert Appearances

FORT WORTH (BP)—Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has resigned her position to devote more time to personal concert appearances.

Her associate at the commission, Miss Loeen Bushman, also has resigned in order to travel with Miss Shelton as her accompanist.

A widely known religious soloist, Miss Shelton has been featured on numerous radio and television programs produced by the commission, and has been director of the Baptist Hour choir. She has recorded several religious music albums.

In 1969, Miss Shelton organized The Centurymen, a 100-voice men's chorus composed of ministers of music from Southern Baptist churches in 22 states. Their headquarters will continue to be in Fort Worth.

Home missions? Good idea.

...preacher.

I'll just pull out whatever

I have in my pocket and ...

# PLEASE



## THINK BEFORE YOU GIVE!

He needs to think about the obvious needs for Christ in this country about the high cost of touching spiritually and socially isolated non-Christians about whether he cares enough to do something significant about it about his family's potential and priorities for sharing.

Dollars casually tossed in the collection plate don't mean much to the giver. They may not mean enough for the nationwide Southern Baptist mission strategy. The gift thoughtfully planned and prayerfully offered means greater satisfaction for the giver and greater effectiveness for the receiver.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

## Ohio Crusade Has 700 Professions

HAMILTON, OHIO (BP)—A "Spiritual Revolution Now (SPIRENO)" crusade here resulted in more than 700 professions of faith despite some of the "worst weather of the worst winter in years," according to the crusade's chairman.

A total of 873 various types of Christian decisions were recorded in the crusade, sponsored by seven Southern Baptist churches, three American Baptist, one National Baptist, one Nazarene and one Church of Christ congregation.

Richard Hogue, 24-year-old evangelist from Houston and Oklahoma City, led the campaign, which was held just a few weeks after Hogue had preached in a SPIRENO effort sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Houston, which reportedly resulted in a total of 4,011 professions of faith during a three-month period.

Like the Houston campaign, the great majority of those making decisions in the Hamilton SPIRENO were teenagers.

"The crusade has all the marks of being the greatest spiritual event in the city's history," said C. Hoge Hockensmith, pastor of West Side Baptist Church of Hamilton.

Hockensmith said that the 1,300-seat First Baptist Church (American Baptist) was filled to capacity nightly, with hundreds sitting on the floor, wall to wall and standing in the aisles. Great numbers had to be turned away, Hockensmith said.

"Every service was uncontrollable celebration of the living Lord Jesus Christ," Hockensmith said. "Applause and holy laughter rang out time and again."

## Says Churches Pushing Aside The Elderly

ATLANTA (EP)—Older people are being pushed aside by American churches in their zeal to win young people, a consultant for two retirement groups contended here.

Mrs. Esther Stamates, a consultant to churches and religious organizations for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), said churches are doing little to utilize the time and talents of older members.

Many older people feel rejected, she said, by the very churches they helped

to build. Often, Mrs. Stamates said, older people are looked upon as being senile, poor and of little value to the church. This image is so prevalent, she said, that many older citizens have begun to believe it too.

"Because they are living on fixed incomes, some cannot afford taxis or transportation to church, they feel they aren't dressed just right or maybe they are embarrassed that they can't put much in the collection plate," she said.



## BWA Committee Meets For Preliminary Planning

Joseph B. Underwood (center), consultant in evangelism and church development for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, is chairman of a preliminary planning committee for the Baptist World Alliance-sponsored World Mission of Reconciliation 1973-75. He met recently in Washington, D. C., with members of the BWA staff and advisory committee. Shown, left to right, are Carl W. Tiller, BWA treasurer;

S. S. Hodges, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Underwood; Frank H. Woyke, BWA associate secretary; and Robert S. Denny, general secretary. Underwood was asked to head an international, 11-member planning committee by BWA President V. Carney Hargroves.



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## EDITORIAL

### Home Missions Is A Witness To America

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is one of the largest "home" mission agencies operating within the United States today. With a total 1971 budget of more than \$15 million, and with a missionary force of nearly 2,500 persons under appointment, the Board administers for Southern Baptists a great mission program which reaches all across our nation.

Home missions is divided into several areas of work. It includes Pioneer Missions which uses almost one-half of the budget; Language Missions which uses another 30%; Evangelism, Chaplaincy, Church Loans, Establishing New Churches, Rural - Urban Missions, Metropolitan Missions, Work with National Baptists, Christian Social Ministries, Work Related to Non-

evangelicals, and other ministries.

Thrilling stories could be told of effective missionary witness in each of these fields, for Southern Baptist missionaries are continually busy and much is being accomplished. Since those activities are reported in releases which appear regularly in the Baptist Record we make no attempt to repeat them here.

Only a little more than one-third of the budget of the Home Mission Board comes from the Cooperative Program. Another one-third comes through the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions which is taken each March, in connection with the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The goal for this year's offering is \$5,600,000. The remaining support comes from special gifts, endowment funds,

and other sources.

Next week is the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, although a few churches have used the present week for the observance. All over the Southern Baptist Convention as well as throughout Mississippi the WMU, the Brotherhood, and usually, the whole church, will be observing the week, giving emphasis to the Home Mission task, and giving opportunity for the offering to Home Missions.

Every Southern Baptist should participate in this special offering. America has no greater need than the witness of Jesus Christ as it is believed and proclaimed by Southern Baptists. Let us help the Home Mission Board in giving that message to America now.

## Guest Editorial

### It Is Still There!

Editorial in Herald of Holiness (Abridged)

Right there in my dictionary on page 1218! The word Sin! The dictionary takes 30 lines and 263 words to define it.

It is not a very common word anymore. The Bible deals with it—also the dictionary—but it is slipping from the vocabulary of so many. It's even losing out in preaching. One of these days they may steal it from the dictionary or define it as a myth, an ancient idea of man.

But they will never be able to obliterate what it does. And man will have to deal constantly with its rampaging blight upon people.

I'm in favor of using the word more, of blaming it for its evil expressions and acts. Certainly in this "permissive" day we need to hear about sin and its terrible mastery over men and nations.

Sin—the word is still in the dictionary.

Sin—the doctrine is still in the Bible.

Sin—the act is still going on in the world.

Sin—the state will reign in the heart of men.

Sin—the master still pays off in death.

Sin—the reaper still sweeps souls into hell.

Let's preach about it! Let's teach it! Let's fear it! Let's fight it! Let's bring about its demise in the hearts and lives of men through the Gospel, the repentance of men, the forgiveness of Christ, the cleansing of the Spirit, the power of God!

Practical messages on Christ's letters to the seven churches.

**MIRACLES AND MELODIES STORY TELLING PROGRAMS** compiled and edited by Carl G. Johnson (Zondervan, paperback, 113 pp., \$1.50) These are new and fascinating true stories for use in church group programs. Examples of titles are "God Used Two Songs in J. C. Penney's Life," and "A London Beatnik Finds Christ."

**EASY TO USE INSTALLATION SERVICES** by Thelma B. Wilkerson and Joy B. Crain (Baker, \$2.95, 125 pp.) These installation services can be adapted to suit the particular type of organization and can be condensed or enlarged as facilities and time permit. An Introduction discusses selection of a theme, committees needed, food, decorations, music, purpose and procedure of installation.

**MISSIONARY STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS** by Charlotte E. Arnold (Baker, paperback, 95 pp., \$1.50) These stories come from mission fields in all parts of the world, and are well suited for use in missionary programs, or in talks, sermons, or addresses on a missionary theme.

**CHILDREN AND DISCIPLINE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** by Wilma Goodman (Baker, paperback, 35 pp.) This small book is an examination of reasons for discipline, methods of discipline, and attitudes toward discipline of children in Sunday School.

**A FIRST BOOK OF DAILY READINGS** by Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Eerdmans, 366 pp., \$2.95). These readings are selections from the works of Dr. Lloyd-Jones, well-known Welsh minister.

a love which responds to our brother when disaster strikes.

When Camille hit the Gulf Coast a year and a half ago, the response from across the state was immediate and generous, and large sums were sent to the churches and people involved there. The number of effected churches and people in this storm is much smaller, but the losses are just as real and the needs just as great for those who are effected.

We sincerely hope that our churches will respond generously so that the special committee will have the funds to provide needed assistance for those in the stricken areas.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS KNEW WHAT TO DO THEN... THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!



The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has given approval to a state-wide appeal for assistance to the churches and to the people, who were hit by the devastating tornadoes which swept the state on Sunday, February 21.

Next Sunday is suggested as a possible time for this appeal, since the need is immediate. However, churches will use their own judgement on this. In some churches offerings already have been taken, and the first checks already have come to Dr. Hudgins office.

Dr. Hudgins has announced that the Executive Committee will appoint a committee to investigate the losses and needs, and that funds which are received, will be allocated according to the actual needs.

Careful investigation will be made of the uninsured losses on church buildings, pastor's homes, pastor's automobiles, personal losses, etc. Consideration also will be given to supplementing any losses in salaries, and other emergencies. Also, insofar as funds are available, assistance will be given to other people in the churches and communities hit by the storm.

We are convinced that there should and will be a warm and generous response to this appeal from all over the state. Every one of us has in his heart

## NEWEST BOOKS

### New Books Deal With Varied Subjects

**ALL THE ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE LANDS** by G. S. Cansdale (Zondervan, \$6.95, 272 pp.) Here is one of the most comprehensive, clearly organized reference works on the fauna of the Bible ever produced. The work began when the author was commissioned to write a series of articles for the Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible. In preparation for this series, he had to study every animal name in the Hebrew and Greek texts, and he discovered nearly 3,000 mentions of animals in the Scriptures. This led to the study of root meanings of numerous companion words, as well as a thorough examination of the history of the many animal names. The author categorizes animals roughly into four classes: domestic stock, animals that are a danger to human life, stock, crops, etc.; wild animals; unclean animals. Dr. Cansdale worked for a time in the forestry service in Ghana, and later was superintendent of the London Zoo. Not only is he a knowledgeable zoologist who has exhibited animals on television programs, but he is a professing and practicing Christian, and a keen Bible student.

**THE SUMMARIZED BIBLE** by Keith L. Brooks (Baker, paperback, \$2.95, 297 pp.) This book, designed as a guide to daily devotional Bible study, should prove to be of great value to Christian workers in locating information they need from the Bible in a moment. This handy volume gives the gist of every chapter in the Bible—each chapter being given about a 10-line summary. Each summary points out the chapter's contents, and lists the key word and "strong verses" of the chapter. In addition, the book includes an "Index of Bible Events," an "Index of Bible Promises," and a calendar for reading the Bible through in a year.

**ALONE AT HIGH NOON** by Emile Caillet (Zondervan, \$4 pp., \$2.95) These reflections on the solitary life discuss the good and bad aspects of living alone. Though solitude is accurately pictured, this is no book of pessimistic gloom. Rather, it is a serene look at the quiet life.

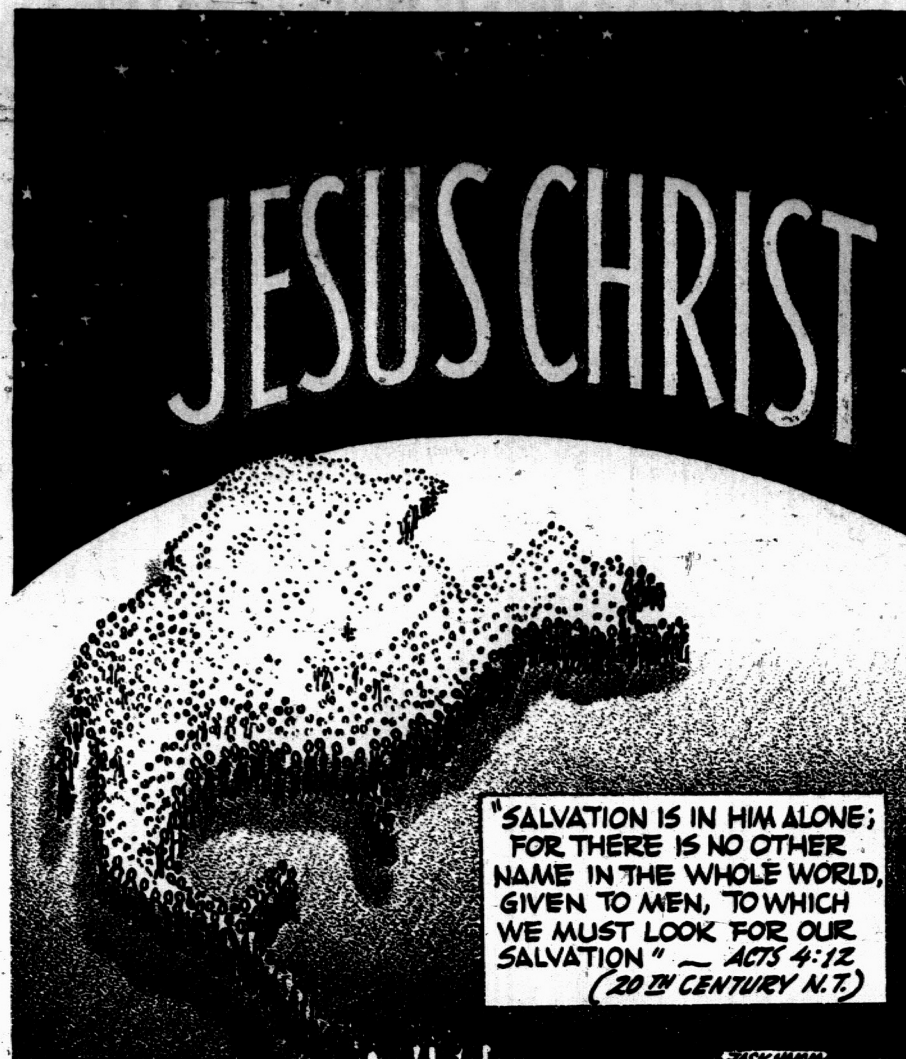
**VOICES ABOVE THE CROWD** by Daniel R. Taylor (Word, 96 pp., \$2.95) Out of curiosity to know how some outstanding Americans have found inner strength to meet life's challenges, the author presented a group of diverse personalities with questionnaires. This book is a compilation of some of the answers. Fifteen outstanding Americans whose voices here stand out above the crowd are Pat Boone, Edward N. Cole, Mark O. Hatfield, Conrad Hilton, Jerome Hines, J. Edgar Hoover, W. Maxey Jarman, Thomas Landry, J. C. Penney, Charles Percy, Eugenia Price, Helen Steiner Rice, Bobby Richardson, Norman Rockwell, and Charles Schulz.

**THE VISION LIVES** by B. H. Person (Good News, paperback, 50 cents, 64 pp., One Evening Condensed Version) A profile of a great missionary, Mrs. Charles E. Cowman.

**TREASURY OF STORY TALKS FOR OCCASIONS** by Marion G. Gossettink (Baker, paperback, \$1.95, 128 pp.) Here are brief story talks that would appeal to children. Most of them are centered around special days or special occasions during the year.

**1,000 BIBLE STUDY OUTLINES** by F. E. Marsh (Kregel, 473 pp., \$5.95). Reprint of a book which was first issued in England about 45 years ago. The foreword is by the famed Baptist preacher, Dr. F. B. Meyer. These outlines are simple, but clear, and are thoroughly Biblical. They should be very valuable as sermon starters for preachers, leading the preacher to deeper Bible study of many wonderful passages of Scripture and fill these skeletons to bring fresh food to his hearers. The book, also, could help laymen and women in the preparation of devotionals, and in personal Bible study.

**CHRIST SPEAKS TO THE CHURCH** by Kenneth D. Barney (Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., \$1.25, paperback, 63 pp.)



IF AMERICA IS TO BE SAVED



### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Last spring we began building a house on our farm out in the country—we weren't sure why, maybe to rent toward retirement. We hired it finished on the outside. Theoretically, we would do a great deal of the inside work ourselves since there would be no great rush to get it finished.

Last fall one Saturday we hopped up and gingerly dressed—this was the day we would put up sheetrock. Did we ever put up sheetrock. We put it up right back on the pile in the middle of the floor. This was after we had carried the 4' by 12' piece around trying to fit it somewhere—anywhere. If you've ever seen two giraffes trying to get their friend into a Volkswagen, you can picture us trying to get that sheetrock into place.

We decided, after an hour of this, that our marriage was more important than sheetrock, to say nothing of the fact that hiring the sheetrock put up would be cheaper than a divorce. We decided that about more things than sheetrock as time went on. But we did accomplish a few of the chores of building—like putting up paneling, insulating the ceiling, doing outside painting.

We had some tongue-and-groove decking left over from the roof. I decided I wanted the entry wall in the living room made of this. Little sooner said than done. We measured, sawed, nailed, moaned over smashed fingers, and put up the wall. It tongued in a few places where it should have grooved, but when we had put a blue exterior stain on it, we stood back and felt a little of what God must have felt when He said of His creation, "It is good."

When I told a friend who was standing in front of this wall for the first time, "I don't want my house to look like everybody else's," he wryly said, "It won't." The same blue stain went on the kitchen cabinets.

As it turned out we sold the house before it was finished. The folks who bought it went along with most of the wild things I'd planned. However, she was quite relieved when the two red lavatories and the blue-berry lavatory I had ordered did not arrive in time and we had to change to plain blue.

When I think of my house and the very different things I planned for it, I understood young folks better—especially the ones who do want to be different. Maybe granny glasses are for them what that wall of roof-decking was for me. Maybe unpainted shoes are for them what red and blue-berry lavatories were for me. Maybe beards and longer hair and mutton chops are for them what unorthodoxically blue-stained kitchen cabinets were for me. All these were my marks of individuality within conventionality.

Though I didn't get to live in that house, I will one day get to live in one of my own. While it may not have red lavatories, it will bear some unconventional signs that I am there. Yet I will be no less a dedicated Christian because of those signs.

Wonder why, then, I won't let our son get himself a pair of granny glasses? (Mrs. Fancher's address is 316 West Canal St., Aberdeen, Ms. 39730.)

**SOME GALL—AND OTHER REFLECTIONS ON LIFE** by James Buckingham (Word Books, 148 pp., \$3.95) These sixty-seven sharply drawn sketches are not only good reading but are thought-provoking as well. Filled with subtle insight and delightful humor, they are prefaced by relevant Scripture and concluded with very personal prayers. As the book jacket notes, "Anyone who has ever stepped on a sticky mess of bubble gum, dropped a glass bottle full of milk on a concrete floor, or lost his temper on the freeway will not have trouble identifying with James Buckingham." The author is pastor, author, newspaper columnist, pilot, and father of five children.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Will Be Available To Speak About Missions On Island Of Okinawa

Dear Dr. Odle:

Last month an article concerning the type of work I do in my spare time (serving as music director in an Okinawa church while in the armed services) was in the Baptist Record. I would like to thank you for publishing the article.

I am coming to the states on leave the first of March. I have many slides of the Southern Baptist work that is being done all over the island. I am sure that some of the churches in the state would like to know about the type of work that is carried on; also, I will be available to travel anywhere in the state to speak to colleges or BSU groups about the mission work. I would request that the churches or colleges be prepared to pay only my traveling expenses.

I have been out of the state for such a long time that I have lost contact with some of my old friends. I would "Love to Tell the Story" of the people and the Baptist work in Okinawa. I have been on the island for nine months and have learned many things.

Thank you, sir, for your help. After Feb. 26, my address: Emile A. Rousseau, Jr., 710 Strangi Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530; Telephone 601-432-7237.

## On The MORAL SCENE...

"The recent ban on cigarette advertising over TV and radio, while undoubtedly disconcerting to the tobacco industry, may be less portentous than the apparent smoking habits and attitudes of much of the youth population. In a nationwide college survey conducted recently, barely one in four students said that they now smoke. There was virtually no difference between males and females in responding to the question. The very clearcut decline in smoking among the youth population and the apparent attitudes which accompany this are dramatically reflected in their opinions about cigarette advertising. On the topic, the collegians were asked: 'In general, would you say that you respond favorably or unfavorably to the ban on television and radio advertising for cigarette manufacturers?' Seventy-three and eight-tenths percent responded favorably. Asked why they answered in the manner they did, a large number of students cited the ill effects of cigarette smoking as the reason for being in favor of the ban. The many health-related answers were often accompanied by an expressed concern about television's ability to unduly influence, through 'misleading' or 'glamorous' advertising, the very young." (Unindex Corporation, Nashville Tennessee, 1-24-71)

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# Separationist Trend Is Seen By Archer

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, discerns a strong nationwide trend of sentiment against government aid to parochial schools. The Archer statement follows:

"A definite nationwide trend of sentiment against government aid to parochial schools has now set in. In Iowa, a governor's educational advisory committee has urged that the state not go into the business of financing religious segregation in church schools. In Colorado, a Governor's Study Commission on Nonpublic Schools has refused to recommend legislation providing state support for church schools."

"In New York, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller stated recently that he would veto any 'tuition grant' bill for the benefit of church schools."

For our God is a God of all times; but our joy in his presence can be expressed in new forms of praise.—Ed Seabough in *Babble On* and other ruins, a Broadman book

You students who are committed to God will continually experience new joy in him.—Ed Seabough in *Babble On* and other ruins, a Broadman book

As they continued to worship and work, minister and witness, each day new people came to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.—Ed Seabough in *Babble On* and other ruins, a Broadman book

should it pass the General Assembly. "It is wrong," he said.

"Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, has issued a strong statement against state aid to parochial schools. So has Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the Indiana Area of the United Methodist Church, and Bishop Dwight E. Loder, president of its Michigan area."

"Virtually every Baptist State Convention, meeting in 1970 resolved strongly on this issue, as have many other church groups."

"The five most recent lawsuits challenging constitutionality of various forms of government aid to church schools have all been decided

in favor of the strict separation of church and state. These cases are: Montana, *Chambers v. School District No. 10*; Hawaii, *Barr v. County of Maui*; Rhode Island, *DiCenso v. Robinson*; Connecticut, *Johnson v. Sanders*; Louisiana, *Seegers v. Parker*. Two significant referenda in Michigan and Nebraska have been overwhelmingly won by the separatists."

"Throughout the nation, strong local opposition has developed against OEO experiments in the 'voucher plan,' the latest in a series of schemes to circumvent the constitutional ban on tax aid to church schools. Strong pressures are now being exerted with-

ing the OEO to drop the controversial program which many consider unconstitutional."

"State boards of education are awakening to the dangers to the public schools which inhere in any program of government aid to church schools. The strong stand taken recently by the Maryland State Board of Education is typical. State education associations are also moving against proposals which jeopardize the very existence of the public schools."

"All this constitutes impressive evidence that our people have awakened to the threat to their religious liberty and are determined to preserve it."

## SWEDISH MISSIONARY TO CONGO DIES WHILE PREACHING ON ETERNITY

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (BP)—"The question of eternal life is the most important question we can raise. . . ."

The voice of the retired pioneer Swedish Baptist missionary to the Congo tapered off, and he suddenly collapsed behind the pulpit where he was delivering a missionary message.

A few minutes later, a physician pronounced Eric Bylin, 66, dead. Bylin left behind a remarkable missionary career, according to Erik Ruden here, general secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union.

At age 62, Uppsala University of Uppsala, Sweden, conferred on him the doctor of philosophy degree. Bylin wrote his dissertation on cultural and folk ways in the Congo.

Ruden hailed him as a preacher, scholar, dentist and evangelist. Bylin served as a Swedish Baptist missionary to the Congo from 1934 to 1969. He had studied at the Swedish Baptist seminary here, followed by a year in Spurgeon's College (Baptist), London.



### Touch of Home Missions

Missionary Nurse Naomi Page dispenses love and reassurance along with medicine to Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands of Panama. After completing a two-year term as a US-2 missionary, assisting Dr. Daniel Gruver, she would not turn her back on the San Blas Islands. She is still on the job in the Marvel Iglesias Clinic — one of hundreds of home mission sites which will be aided during the upcoming Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. (Home Board Photo)



### Presents Check For \$2000

William Carey College president, Dr. Ralph Noonkester, accepts a check for \$2000, above, from South Central Bell district manager, John Fox. The gift has been designated for campus building funds. "We appreciate the support of South Central Bell in our efforts to provide quality Christian education at William Carey College," commented Dr. Noonkester. "With two new buildings being occupied on our campus this spring, the \$2000 will be extremely helpful."



### Teaching For The Future

Open Bible. Middle East map — as it was in Jesus' day: Christian teacher. In the midst of young theological students, these three augur well for the future; and in this case, maybe for the future of China. Professor C. M. Lau teaches Old Testament of the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang. And, hopefully, some of the young men in his classes are among those for whom the Holy Spirit will open the way to preach the Gospel inside mainland China.

perience preparing me for something else. Every opportunity to do something, to go somewhere has meant help for me."

The 42-year-old clergyman approaches his office as a challenge to do something. "Not that I am going to do everything but I believe that because of my experience and background I will be able to help Baptists get a new kind of insight into relating to language persons."

Romo, however, feels strongly about being chosen for his qualifications rather than his origin. "I want to be listened to because people feel that I have something to contribute and because they think I have leadership ability. I never had this position as a goal. My happiness was in being an associate and doing my thing," he says emphatically.

He has not dissociated himself with the concerns of Mexican-Americans. "I have not sold out at any point to be this high in the denomination," he says. "I have always felt that one of my contributions would be the ability to communicate to the Anglo the necessity for meeting the total needs of the Mexican-American and all peoples — not just going down the aisle and shaking his hand but meeting his total needs."

Romo has accepted the reality that a minority person in a position of authority has a special measure of power. "I am aware that I have the kind of influence that can affect every realm of life but I am also aware that I must not abuse this responsibility. I can only accomplish my objectives by bringing together all the elements of Baptist life to focus on those objectives. I'm going to have to maintain the integrity of the Board and myself. I want there to be no question that my election was because of qualifications rather than the fact that I am a Mexican."

The possibility that Romo will short-change Mexican-Americans in trying to remain impartial always exists, but Romo has no fear. He believes that although work with Mexican-Americans must continue, they must be encouraged to increase their ministry to each other.

## Award Given To WMU For Study Credits

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union, holds award presented by Phillip Harris, secretary, church training department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Requests for new church study course credits from WMU were 23,268 from October through December, 1970. The figure was up from only 411 during the same period of 1969. The award for the progress of the WMU, missionary organization for Southern Baptist women, was presented during an inter-agency council meeting in Nashville. (BSSB Photo)

## Mexican-American To Head Home Board Department Of Language Missions

His skin is topaz and in his mellow voice are traces of an accent; even though he is a native Texan, words like "tired" and "do not" come out without the familiar Texas drawl—but rather a tinge of Spanish. Oscar Romo is an Hispanic-American — a Mexican, as he says with pride, and the first product of Southern Baptist language work to head a department in a Convention agency. As Secretary of the Home Mission Board's Department of Language Missions, Romo's ethnic background "will bring seasoning" to his position, he says, but one could safely assume that his 16-plus years as a denominational language worker qualify him for his new responsibilities.

The Department of Language Missions has as its major thrust to provide leadership and assistance in the establishing and developing of language culture congregations and to assist Baptist churches in evangelizing, enlisting and ministering to language culture persons who are in reach of the church through its programs, organizations and facilities.

Romo now supervises approximately 1,200 missionaries under appointment by his department and administers a multi-million dollar budget. His journey to this office stretches over 20 years since his first pastorage in Brady, Tex. A native of Lockhart, Tex.



Oscar Romo

he also pastored in Littlefield and Fort Worth and was an associate in the Language Missions Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for nine years. He came to the Home Mission Board in 1965.

Several days after he assumed office Romo summed up his feelings in a word: "Frustration!" "I sometimes wish I were back at that little church in Brady — except I know I wouldn't fit anymore. At this period in my life I know I am where I am supposed to be; God has led me here."

Romo has an interesting philosophy about the positions he has held since Brady. "Each job that I have had, as far as I am concerned, has been ex-

## Gulf Coast "Solid Rock" Festival Set For Saturday Before Easter

Christian young people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast are planning a religious folk music festival for all day on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. It will be April 10 in Gulfport on the beach near the small craft harbor, in the area normally used for the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Arrangements are being made for a stage, loud speaker facilities, and seating. The event is designed as a witness to those who normally crowd to coast areas during the Easter weekend and as an inspiration to Christian young people.

Only the music which honors God will be used. Coordinators are the members of the Youth Council of the Handsboro Baptist Church at Gulfport, Dr. Wesley G. Ellis, pastor. Choirs and smaller groups are invited.

Those interested in participating by giving Christian testimonies through music should write immediately to "Solid Rock," Post Office Box 6218 Handsboro Station, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, or call Gulfport 896-3796, 896-3696, 863-4997, 864-2378, or in Biloxi 388-3737.



WALDWICK, N.J. (BP)—QUINN PUGH PREACHES DRAMA SERMON ON GOOD SAMARITAN STORY — Pastor of the Bergen Baptist Church, Quinn Pugh uses drama to portray Bible characters in proclaiming the gospel.

## To Preach At Nationwide Bible Conference

# Drama Aids Preaching Of New Jersey Pastor

By James Evans McReynolds

WALDWICK, N. J. (BP)—A Southern Baptist pastor here has added new life to his preaching through the use of drama, reflecting one side of a trend toward creative forms of preaching.

While some ministers have turned to dialogue sermons, letter sermons, visual aid sermons, discussion sermons, and even silent sermons during a decade when the electronic media have challenged ministers to creative communication, Quinn Pugh, pastor of Bergen Baptist Church here has emphasized drama to enliven interest in worship.

"The Bible is full of the drama of human life," Pugh said. "The characters of Bible times sensed the same

kind of pain and sorrow, joy and pleasures as people living today.

"Their temptations, accomplishments, idolatries, and life situations mirror our own," Pugh added.

The New Jersey pastor does not consider himself to be an actor. He began using drama in preaching while he was a college student. Pugh writes his sermon monologues after a careful reading of the Bible in several translations. He tries to visualize the Bible character in his original setting.

Research by Pugh and his wife on the historical and archeological settings of Bible lands including clothing worn in the various periods of Bible history has been helpful as he prepares for his sermon.

"Although I hope the congregation enjoys these dramatic monologue ser-

mons, my purpose is not to entertain, but to proclaim the gospel in an act of worship," Pugh said.

Sometimes Pugh creates dramatic sermon monologues with little known biblical characters such as Silas, Matthias, Pilate or the centurion at the cross.

Skillful use of his imagination enables Pugh to place the character within the scope of the Bible's overall message and within the context of the particular passages of Scripture that contain information about the person being portrayed.

After preaching one of his drama sermons, Pugh breaks character and makes a specific application of the biblical message brought by the man portrayed, and then adds an appeal to the congregation to respond to that

message.

Pugh's use of drama has included characterizations of historical and literary personalities as well as biblical characters. In the spring of 1969, he portrayed William B. Johnson, first president of the Southern Baptist Convention, before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

He is now preparing a series of monologue sermons on Jonah for the Nationwide Bible Conference to be held March 15-18 in Dallas.

Through drama, Pugh has introduced the characters of the Bible to many who are unfamiliar with the Scriptures. His dramatic preaching has helped many become acquainted with the most significant character in all of history, Jesus Christ.



## Furloughing Missionary Dies En Route To Church

Mrs. John Mein, 64, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, died Feb. 21 in Dallas, Tex. A funeral service was held there Feb. 23, and a second service took place in Jacksonville, Fla., at Avondale Baptist Church. Burial was in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Mein, who arrived in the States early in December for a short furlough, was stricken at the home of a friend as they prepared to leave for worship services at First Baptist Church.

The former Mildred Cox of Texas, she was living in Dallas during furlough.

Stationed at Feira de Santana in the state of Bahia, Mrs. Mein taught at the Northeast Baptist Bible Institute and administered the school's library, which she had organized. She actively participated in various phases of church work and wrote or translated literature for use in Baptist churches.

She also translated into Portuguese Bill Wallace of China, a missionary biography of Jesse C. Fletcher; and Christianity and World Religions by E. Luther Copeland. She wrote two books, a biography of a Brazilian Baptist missionary to Portugal and a history of the Baptist training school for women in Recife, Brazil.

She received board appointment in 1934 and was principal of the Recife training school for 19 years. In 1947 she married missionary John Mein, then president of the North Brazil Theological Seminary, Recife. She retired with him in 1953, but they spent several years as fraternal representatives to Baptists in the Bahama Islands before settling

in Jacksonville.

After her husband's death in 1962, Mrs. Mein was reinstated as an active missionary.

Among her survivors are four stepchildren. One, David Mein, is a missionary in Recife, where he succeeded his father as president of the theological seminary.

## Indian Springs (Jones) Welcomes Pastor

Rev. H. L. "Larry" Tillman has accepted the call of Indian Springs Church.



A native of Mobile, Alabama, he is a graduate of William Carey College and was awarded the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Tillman has served Mississippi pastorates of Evergreen, Wayne County; and Center Hill, Monroe County, and moved to Laurel from the Southmoor Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

His wife, the former Peggy Davidson of Vinegar Bend, Alabama, received the B.S. degree from William Carey College and has taught in elementary schools.

The Tillmans have three children, Betsy 5, Barry 3, and Esther 2. They recently moved into the church parsonage and were given a warm welcome.

A reception in their honor was held in Fellowship Hall at the church on Wednesday evening, February 3.

## Retired Pastor Preaches On Andros Island, Bahamas

Dr. G. C. Hodge, former Mississippi pastor, now retired and living in Ocean Springs, recently preached on Andros Island, in the Bahamas. He gives the following report of his unusual experience:

"The U. S. Navy's Atlantic Underwater Technical Experiment and Evaluation Center (AUTECE) is located on Andros Island. Several hundred scientists and technicians work there and many families live there.

"They have one religious service every Sunday for people of all faiths. A different minister is flown there each week to conduct the service. Their expenses are paid by the Navy. Our son-in-law, John Rose, who works for RCA and with AUTECE suggested they have me to conduct the service on January 31. Mrs. Hodge and I flew there on Friday, Jan. 29. We were assigned a room in the BOQ and two families served as our hosts and gave us a tour of the island, the largest of the Bahamas. One of the families lives in the house built for King Henry of England.



Pictured are Rev. Guy Reedy, left, pastor of First Church, Water Valley, and Rev. L. D. Wall, Director of Missions, Yalobusha-Grenada Association.

"People of many faiths attended the service and I spoke to them on, 'Some Things God Does Not Know.' following is my outline:

1. God does not know a person on earth He doesn't love. (Jno. 3:16).
2. God does not know anything one can do to separate him from the love of God (Rom 8:38-39).
3. God does not know a burden people have that God cannot lift from them or give them strength to bear it. (Psalm 55:22).
4. God does not know any way of promoting His work in any place except through His friends (Acts 1:8; John 20:21). That is why we send out missionaries.
5. God does not know a person on earth He does not chasten if and when he fails to use his talents for the Lord or neglects his Christian duty (Heb. 12:4-6; 1 Cor. 11:30-31).
6. God does not know a person on earth who does not need to be saved from sin. (Rom. 3:23; Lk. 13:3).
7. God does not know a sin He doesn't hate because sin separates people from God. (Isa. 59:2, Rom. 6:23).
8. God does not know any way one can be saved except through repentance to God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8, 9; John 3:3).
9. God does not know a person on earth He cannot save. (Heb. 7:25, Rom. 10:13).
10. God does not know but two places where the souls of people go when they die: heaven or hell (Matt. 25:46).

## "Miss Mississippi" To Speak At Holmes JC

Christine Joyce McClamroch, Miss Mississippi, will be the guest speaker at the Youth Rally sponsored by the Holmes Junior College Christian Council on Campus. The Rally will be held in the main auditorium of the college administration building on March 7 at 8:30 p.m.

As Columbus' representative to the Miss Mississippi Pageant, Miss McClamroch was crowned Miss Mississippi and was chosen third runner-up in the Miss America Pageant. The Council feels that a trip to the Rally would be worthwhile for church or school groups of all ages.

## Miss Carey College Pageant - March 4

William Carey College will present its third annual Miss Carey College pageant on Thursday evening, March 4, according to officials of the college. Fourteen co-eds will compete for the title; each contestant is being sponsored by one of the major student organizations on campus.

The current Miss Carey, Vickie Morrison, will crown one of the young ladies as the new title holder. The winner will represent the school in the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg in the summer. The first Miss Carey was Linda Waldon who is now active as a performer in television in Georgia.

The winner of the Miss Carey title will receive a \$300 scholarship to Carey, a trophy and flowers. In addition she will be provided with \$300 additional money to provide a wardrobe for the state pageant. The four runners-up will each receive appropriate awards.

Mrs. Frank Pinkerton, nee Robbie Robertson — the 1966 Miss Mississippi, will direct the pageant. Christine McClamroch, the current Miss Mississippi, will be the emcee for the evening.

## Poplar Springs Completes Redecoration; Goes Over Goal In Christmas Offering

The Poplar Springs Church, Calhoun Association, has broken a three year record of "Lighting the Cross for Christ at Christmas." The eight-by-four-foot cross with Christmas tree bulbs representing \$300 was all lighted with the Little Moon Christmas offering of \$587. Also, \$196 was sent to the Children's Village for its new holiday fund.

The Poplar Springs Church is now enjoying the near completion of its Sunday school rooms' renovation program. The seven rooms and church office will have been completely reworked with new ceilings, and redecorated walls and carpet on the floors.

The pastor, Rev. Billy T. McDaniel, commends the church again for its progress of the past four years. The pastor says, "May God receive the glory for He has enabled these fine folks to build and pay for a \$14,000 pastorage and spend over \$4,000 in church renovation." Mr. McDaniel further states that "these people now have a church and pastor's home to take pride in. It is an example of what vision, love, and hard work can do when people join hands with God."

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## Study Plans For Spiritual Emphasis Week

William Carey College faculty members, serving as a committee to foster the week-long Spiritual Emphasis Week on the campus, pose as they make tentative plans for the March 8-12 series of activities. Dr. Chester Swor, outstanding Mississippi Christian lecturer, author, and youth counselor, will be the principal personality involved. Dr. Swor will spend 5 days dealing with students in a person-to-person relationship and will also be featured as chapel speaker, coffeehouse discussion leader, and after-dinner speaker. In charge of the week's schedule are those posed above, left to right: Mrs. Shirley Everett, Dr. Lillian Weidenhammer, Dr. Milton Wheeler, and Mrs. Marjorie Rowden. Dr. David Gruchy, also a member of the committee, was unavailable for the photo.



## BMC Reports "Most Dynamic Focus Week Ever"

PROJECTING the theme "CHRIST ON THE MOVE," these visiting team members and college personalities made possible one of the most successful and dynamic Christian Focus Weeks ever held on the Blue Mountain College campus. Front row, left to right: President E. Harold Fisher of the college; Rev. Milton Hughes, representative, Department of National Student Ministries, SBC; Mrs. Mary Gellerstedt, director of youth education, First Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Linda Hackett, campus wide chairman of all student committees for Focus Week; and Dr. Jennings D. Van Landingham, Jackson physician. Back row, left to right: Rev. Robert Marsh, pastor of First Church, Laurel; Rev. Robert Sugg, director of the Blue Mountain BSU; and Grady Nutt, professional entertainer, Louisville, Ky. Not pictured is Mrs. Peggy Ziegler, Dean of Women, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.



ONE OF THE SEVERAL receptions given by students, faculty, and staff of Blue Mountain College for the members of the visiting team for the 1971 CHRISTIAN FOCUS WEEK, was the one held in Paschal Student Center on the opening day, Monday, February 15. Shown left to right in an informal chat are: Linda Hackett, campuswide chairman of student committees; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain; Mrs. Peggy Jean Ziegler, Dean of Women at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; and Susan Sewell of Pontotoc, a student hostess for the reception.

No doctrine of the faith has been more often or more sorely wounded in the house of its friends, more universally observed and more widely misunderstood, discussed with more heat and less light, written about with more fervor and less fairness, or had the truth about it more closely sought after or more cleverly sidestepped.—B. F. Smith in Christian Baptism, a Broadman book

Someone has called it "wayside" ministry, this one-to-one opportunity that you have as you go about your work in the offices, factories, shops, restaurants, and institutions of our land.—Martha Nelson in The Christian Woman in the Working World, a Broadman book

## Quitman Welcomes Pastor Joe Walker

On the Sunday after their move to Quitman, January 19, Rev. Joe B. Walker and his family were honored at a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall. Mr. Walker began his pastoral ministry at Quitman's First Church on January 20.

Prior to his moving to Quitman, he was pastor of the Hollandale Church for four years. During that period many exciting things were witnessed in Christ's Name.

Pictured above is the Walker family—Mike, "Brother Joe," Leveda, and Kevin.

## Burnside Calls Pastor

Rev. Tommy G. Purvis has accepted the pastorate of Burnside church, Philadelphia, after serving as pastor of Rock Branch Church, Union, for fourteen months.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Purvis of Polkville, he is married to the former Gloria Means of Puckett.

He is a sophomore at Clarke College and plans to continue his education after completing his work at Clarke.



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## Yalobusha Expands Missions Program

Recently the associational missions program of Yalobusha County Association, supported by and serving 21 churches of the area, opened an office at First Church, Water Valley. First Church makes available the completely furnished office for the Director of Missions.

Rev. L. D. Wall, director of missions for Yalobusha and Grenada Associations, maintains office hours 9:00 to 4:00 in Water Valley each Tuesday and Thursday. He is available for conferences and has a good resource file including film strips, printed materials, and equipment for use by the churches of the association.

The joint program with Grenada Association, office in Grenada, has been in effect for some eight years but this is the first time Yalobusha has had an office with set hours for the director.

"The response of the people has been great, and the associational leadership is pleased with the number of people taking advantage of this new service.

"Those having needs for information and materials are urged to come by the office located in the west wing of the educational building, former church office," states Mr. Wall.

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# By Example Jesus Teaches The Meaning Of The Greatest Commandments Of All

By Clifton J. Allen  
Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-37

Jesus Christ, was the incarnation of divine love. It is on the basis of his perfect example that we can discover the deep meaning of his teaching about love for God and love for mankind. The Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees combined against Jesus, and then one of the scribes sought to involve him in a discussion about the greatest commandment of all. Jesus declared that the commandment of love is comprehensive as to duty and primary as to application. As an illus-

tration of this teaching recorded in the Gospel of Mark, we are to study from the Gospel of Luke the story of the good Samaritan, which may have had its origin in the incident reported by Mark or may have been similar teaching on another occasion. It is a parable of urgent relevance at the present time.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**THE RELIGION OF LOVE (vv. 25-28)**  
As Luke reports this incident, a lawyer asked Jesus, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" His real purpose was to embarrass Jesus, not to find the way of salvation. But Jesus ignored his motive, turned the tables so to speak, and asked the lawyer about instruction from the Law. The lawyer answered correctly, combin-

ing commandments from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Religious duty is a matter of love, toward God and man. The person who loves God with all the energies of his being will put his trust in God and give his devotion to God; and the person who loves God like this will also love his neighbor sincerely and fully. Jesus said do this, and you will live. This will be living in obedience to God and for the glory of God. This is really the essence of the Christian religion—partaking of the love of God in Christ and living in oneness with God in love.

**THE FLIGHT OF HUMANITY (vv. 29-37)**  
Though the lawyer was correct in his answer, he wanted to quibble about

the meaning of neighbor and, it seems, claim that he could love God as he ought while not loving his neighbor as he ought. Jesus then responded with a matchless story about the good Samaritan. Some person, traveling the dangerous Jericho road, was robbed, beaten and left half dead. A priest saw him but did nothing to help him. A Levite did the same. These were religious men! Then a Samaritan—considered by the leaders of Judaism as disreputable, unworthy, a follower of false religion, an outcast—passed that way. He had compassion on the person who had been robbed and beaten and left half dead and did all he could to help him. He tried to relieve his pain, took him on his own beast to an

inn where he would have lodging and food and care, and paid the bill. Which of the three acted like a neighbor? The one who showed mercy. One's neighbor is a fellow human-being in need of help, whatever his class or race or status or situation. So many persons suffer, victims of injustice and greed, of brutality and misfortune and neglect, victims of ignorance and disease and war, victims of poverty and sin and circumstance. Every person in need is a neighbor.

**THE RELIGION OF DOING (v. 37)**  
Jesus made it very clear, from the conversation with the lawyer, that the major weakness in the religion of many persons is knowing without doing. The profession of religion is not enough; the practice of love confirms Christian faith. Faith in God and love for God call for translation into uprightness before God, obedience to God, and service to other persons in keeping with the purpose of God. One cannot really separate the practice of love toward God from showing love to the persons whom God loves, all the people in the world. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

the practice of Christlikeness by the power of his Spirit. Christian love never cultivates pride on the part of the giver. It is love which comes from God and draws men to God through Jesus Christ.

Living by the law of love is a daring adventure. — The person who loves, through Christ and for the sake of Christ, does not demand love in return, for the response of love must always be free. But the Christian can love other persons knowing that there is reconciling power in love. There is healing and drawing power in love. Christians can give themselves to the adventure of love with confident assurance that love will endure, that love will witness, that love will transform, that love is the mightiest force in the world. Again, living by the law of love calls for hazards and risks. The Christian must expose himself to danger in helping others, must sacrifice his own security and comfort in sharing with others, and must give his best without the assurance of living to see the full fruitage of his love. Christian love is an adventure in faith, knowing that the approval of God is on it and the power of Christ is in it. Christ loved the church and gave himself for it: it was the daring adventure of faith, the risk of love that did not stop short of the cross. If God in Christ so loved us, we ought to love one another in the same manner.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Lazarus Of Bethany: The Man Who Died Twice

By Bill Duncan  
John 11:37-46; 12:1-3, 10-11

In all of the gospels there are accounts of people being raised from the dead. But there is no parallel whatever for the raising of a man who had been dead for four days and whose body had begun to putrefy. The passage has many important words such as: "Take ye away the stone." The Lord was calling for a response of Cooperation. This made the scene open for all to see the miracle. As Jesus prayed to His Father, He made clear that it was done in this fashion that any willing soul might believe that God had sent Him. The man who was dead came walking out of the tomb at the call of Jesus. How did this happen? Something wonderful at Bethany made the truth known that what Jesus said was true: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The story had too many details of death in it for it not to be true. Life had come back for Lazarus.

There are two very important lessons that we see in the account.

- (1) The results of this miracle are an excellent illustration of the way truth and proof affect different people.
- (2) This lesson also shows that Jesus had called the hand of the Jews and now they made plans to control Jesus of Nazareth.

The dead man came walking out of the tomb. They must have been impressed. Yet not everyone was affected the same way. "Many of the Jews who had come to Mary and believed that which he did, believed on Him. But some went away." (v. 45). Even when some saw the miracle they did not believe. No matter what the revelation some people will have other things on their mind. They will not accept the implication and follow through to find peace of heart and mind with God.

Robert McAfee Brown, an American professor, tells of something that happened when he was chaplain on a troopship with 1,500 Marines returning from Japan for discharge. He was

asked to conduct a Bible study on the way home. Near the end of the voyage they were studying the story of Lazarus.

A Marine came to him and said, "Everything in that chapter is pointing to me." He went on to say that he had been in hell for the last six months. He was a boy who went straight into the Marines from college. He had been bored with life and gone out and got into trouble but no one but God knew about it. He felt guilty and thought his life was ruined. He felt he could never face his family. He felt he had killed himself and he was a dead man. But after reading this 11th chapter of John, "I have come to life again." He said, "I know that this resurrection Jesus was talking about is real here and now, for he has raised me from the death to life. The boy's troubles were not over but in his sense of sin and guilt he had found Jesus as the resurrection and the life."

There were some at the grave who reported what Jesus had done and they considered him to be dangerous

to their religion. A caucus was called of the chief priests and the Pharisees. They recognized that if they permitted His activities to continue, Jesus would have many followers because of the impression he was making. Caiaphas the high priest spoke the ciple was set forth: sacrifice the individual for the sake of the group as a whole. God was speaking through his lips, for he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation, and many other nations and ages. Caiaphas meant it for evil but his words promoted God's plan for good. Regardless of what happens, God can bring his will to pass.

After this occasion, Jesus knew his enemies were after him so he avoided open conflict. The enemies never thought that Jesus could be right, but only thought of what effect He would have upon their ease, comfort, and authority. Is that the way we react to the call and truth of God? Do we refuse the truth because of our plans for the weekend or for life?

Jesus went to the home of Lazarus six days before the Passover. He had always been a welcome friend, but now he was the one who had brought Lazarus back to life. We see that the home was back to normal. Martha served. Lazarus sat at the table. He was honored to share his meal with such a company. Mary anointed the feet of Jesus in a notable fashion of love and worship.

This speaks about life that was normal. Lazarus was to live like all other men. His health was to be such that one day he would die again.

## Greene County Calls Missionary

Rev. John R. Robinson, pastor of Pine Level Church, Leakesville, has accepted the position as superintendent of missions of Greene County.

A graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, has completed his work at William Carey College, and is to receive the B.A. degree at the graduation exercises in May.

He is a native of Woodbury, Tenn. He and his wife have three children, Wanda Sue, Linda, and John David. He assumed his duties as missionary on February 1, and will also continue to serve as pastor of Pine Level Church.

## Pleasant Grove Calls Pastor

Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, has called Rev. Mac Parker as pastor. He and his family moved into the parsonage February 1.

For the past seven years, Mr. Parker had been pastor of Freedom Church, Myrick, in Jones County. Under his leadership there, the church was able to retire all indebtedness and to make numerous improvements.

Native of Jones County, Mr. Parker is the son of Mrs. Della Parker and the late Jim Parker. He received his education at Jones County Junior College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Parker (the former Norma Lee Davis) have four children: Mrs. Julian Hearn, Eddie, Jean, and Kathy.

Hours of church services at Pleasant Grove are: Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 10:55; church training, 5 p.m.; evening worship, 8.

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## New Orleans Seminary Offers Credit Study, Travel Programs

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Dr. James D. Mosteller, Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of Church History, will direct the 40-day Church History Adventure through Europe and Israel, May 31 to July 10, 1971 which will include extensive travel in England, Mainland Europe, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, Greece, and Israel. Special features include a steamer-cruise on the Rhine, a visit to the Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, a gondola serenata in Venice, and archaeological excavating in Israel.

Dr. Ray F. Robbins, Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Greek, will direct the 40-day New

Testament Adventure through Europe, Turkey and Israel, May 31 to July 10, 1971 which includes visits to London and Rome and extensive travel through Greece, Turkey and Israel. Of special interest will be the itinerary, which includes the key cities of St. Paul's missionary journeys, visits to the seven churches of the Revelation and the Island of Patmos, and archaeological excavating in Israel.

Dr. George L. Kelm, Assistant Professor of Biblical Introduction and Archaeology will direct the 22-day International Adventure, May 31 to June 21, 1971, which will include visits to four major European cities (London, Rome, Athens, and Paris), and extensive sightseeing in Israel. Deluxe accommodations and special personalized emphasis on places of biblical interest will be featured.

Descriptive brochures and additional information are available by writing to Dr. Kelm, Director of the Institute of Archaeological Research, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentry Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126, who is coordinating the programs.

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## Devotional

## A Word From The Spectators

Mark 15:20-30

By J. Roy McComb, Pastor, Sardis Church, Sardis

My conviction is that the statements made to Christ while He was on the cross are extremely weighty. I feel that they characterize human responses, many of which are prevalent in this generation.

The first word is from spectators. These people are simply passing by. They know very little, perhaps only what they have heard while at the cross. Nevertheless, they take up the cry of others. Here is disinterest at its height. These spectators are disinterested in the facts of the event. They are disinterested in the agony of a suffering human being. They are mere spectators. Yet they stop long enough to have their moment at the cross. They stop long enough to speak their "convictions." Then they move on to other and more important interests. The church is plagued with "advice" from and "convictions" of disinterested spectators. America is full of expert, religious, disinterested spectators. They have the answer to the "Crisis in the Christian Church."

Briefly examine with me the responses of these spectators. First, their response is criticism. They have heard the claim of Jesus about the temple. The state of Jesus at that moment seems to conclude the matter. He who claimed to have life is fast approaching the opposite pole-death. How could one be expected to believe that life could come out of death? So they respond by "ah." The same response is heard rumbling all over America today. Why? Does the state of the church at the moment point to death instead of life? Christ remained faithful to God in both life and death. God gave Him victory in His resurrection. Is it reasonable to suggest and suspect that if God's people will remain faithful that He will resurrect the Christian church and restore its power? If we remain faithful I believe this is inevitable. Do not let the modern spectators shake our faith in God's power.

Secondly, their response is a challenge. They challenge Jesus to save Himself by coming down from the Cross. They declare their poverty of understanding. World spectators are still challenging the church to save itself by coming down. It cannot save itself by coming down, but by going up and onward for Christ and in Christ.

Perverse sterilization of talent and untimely burial of spiritual treasure is a custom that has been "Christianized" and cloaked with religious respectability which is not so much a garment signifying vitality as a shroud covering something already dead. When the Christian church ought to be transforming the people, people are transforming the church. At a time when the Christian church ought to be raising the moral standard of the culture in which it exists, its people are lowering it to the level of the culture and smiling because by their surrender they win the culture's nodding approval.

Frequently people are drawn to Christ by what they see in us. The world will continue to look for Christ in Christians. Is there a more logical place to expect to find Him? Could this be part of the answer to our spectator problem?

## Students Attending MC High School Day May Compete For Art, Music Scholarships

For the first time ever, students who attend the annual High School Day activities at Mississippi College Saturday, March 13, will have the opportunity to compete for Citizenship Scholarships in two fields of study.

Dr. Charles Scott, dean of students and financial aids coordinator, said that high school students interested

in the fields of art and music would be interviewed by professors in those areas and could receive a scholarship amounting up to \$300.

Dr. Sam Gore, chairman of the art department, will be responsible for that category. He has requested that students considering an art major bring exhibits of their works with

## Assembly Preachers Announced For Sunday School Weeks

NASHVILLE — Preachers for the Sunday School weeks at Glorieta and Ridgcrest Baptist assemblies have been announced by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

For the Teaching and Training Leadership Conferences, sponsored jointly by the Sunday School and church training departments: Glorieta, June 24-30, Landrum P. Leavell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Ridgcrest, July 22-28, William E. Hull, dean, School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

For the Outreach - Evangelism Conferences: Glorieta, July 1-7, Kenneth B. Chafin, director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Ridgcrest, July 29-August 4, Douglas Watterson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

For the Sunday School Leadership Conference: Glorieta, July 8-14, James E. Coggin, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; Ridgcrest, August 5-11, J. Winston Pearce, Mill Valley, Calif.

Requests for reservations should be addressed to RESERVATIONS, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535, or Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, Box 128, Ridgcrest, N. C. 28770.

A person may be better than his reputation but never better than his principles. The same is true of a church. The reputation of a church depends upon the people who are its members. — G. Avery Lee in *The Reputation of a Church*, a Broadman book

them for his evaluation. He will also interview them as to their interest in the field.

The music competition will be under the supervision of Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts. Dr. Lyall said that those interested in one of the choirs or singing groups would be asked to audition as part of their competition.

Students interested in playing in the Choctaw band, including twirlers, will also have the chance to compete for scholarship assistance. Everyone must bring their own instrument or baton.

"We have been awarding Citizenship Scholarships for several years," said Dr. Scott, "but this is the first time we have given the student the opportunity to compete for them during High School Day activities."

## Names In The News

Billy Jack Green has resigned as minister of music and youth at Daniel Memorial Church,

Jackson, to become minister of music of First Church, Columbia. During the three years that he was at Daniel Memorial, the music program there grew to the extent that it was third in the state in total music enrollment. In recent state contests, two of the Daniel chorals groups rated in the top five in the state. Mr. Green has also given direction to the recreational program at Daniel Memorial. During 1970 he was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of the Year." He and his wife, Lee, have one small daughter.

Jerry Landrum, sheriff of Jones County, spoke of law enforcement and drug abuse at the February 15 meeting of the Crusaders for Christ at Calvary Church, Ellisville. Mr. Landrum spoke mainly on drugs; he spoke on marijuana, heroin, and showed a chart of all drugs and their effects on people, what they looked like, and how to recognize people who are drug users. He also emphasized the dangers of the so-called hard stuff and gave statistics on how many known cases in Jones County, and who were the main type of pushers. He also pointed out the dangers of cigarette smoking and alcoholism. The Crusaders for Christ is an organization of 22 intermediate and young people of the Calvary community of Ellisville. They are under the adult leadership of Misses Ann Baker, Ethel Joyce Nichols, Bill Coker, and Keith Sumrall. The pastor is the Rev. Ronnie Estes.

William E. Caldwell, professor at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., will be featured speaker April 16-17 at a "Regional Media Center Clinic" at First Church, Mobile, Ala. Caldwell, professor of religious education at the institute, will lead

a session on "How Persons Learn." He also will participate in a question and answer session on the same topic. The clinics are designed to help persons working on church library staffs gain a better understanding of the uses of printed and audio-visual media. Additional information may be obtained by writing: Church Library Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

John McGraw, minister of music at First Church, New Augusta, student at Carey College, and member of the youth revival team called "Witnesses Unlimited," has written a youth musical, "Christ Is Ev'rything."

First, Brookhaven, Rev. F. A. Michel, pastor, Sunday night, February 28, gave special emphasis to the deacon and his family and his church family ministry, with Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson director, Christian Action Commission, as the Training Union resource leader and speaker in the evening worship service.



## 17th Edition

BROADMAN PRESENTATION—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, presents a 17th edition copy of "Your First Big Step" to Mrs. Marian Keegan, archivist in the board's Dargan-Carver Library and wife of the author. The first edition of the volume was printed by Broadman Press in 1960 when the author, the late G. Kearnie Keegan, was secretary of the board's student department. The book is designed for high school graduates planning to attend college.



A new editor and business manager for the Mississippi College quarterly literary publication, *The Arrowhead*, have been announced by the college's Publication Council. Pam Jones, left, English major from Brookhaven, and Margaret (Missy) Ramsey, right, a French major from Tupelo, have been named editor and business manager respectively. Miss Jones replaces David Kelly of Baton Rouge, La., who was dismissed as editor by the Publications Council for printing an article banned earlier by the Council. Miss Ramsey takes over as business manager from James Griffith of Clinton, who resigned.

Dr. G. Ernest Wright, professor of Old Testament and Archaeology at the Harvard University Divinity School, will visit Mississippi College Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9 and 10, as a guest lecturer. Dr. Wright's campus appearance is being sponsored as part of the Division of Religion's lecture series which was instituted last year. Tuesday, March 9, Dr. Wright will speak in Provine Chapel at 7:30 p.m. with the general public invited. Wednesday he will be the guest at the regular chapel services of the college at 10 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium and serve as guest lecturer at various classes during the day.

David Wallace, a senior at Mississippi College, is the new director of youth activities at First Church, Summit. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor H. Wallace, Enterprise, and is majoring in philosophy. He is active in campus activities including the B. S. U. and the Concert Choir.



## Tommy's Life May Depend On Coupons

The idea that coupons may be an important factor in saving the life of a four-year-old boy is not as far-fetched as it may sound.

The boy is Tommy Davis, whose parents are members of Alum Rock Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif.

Tommy was born with miniature kidneys, one of which is non-functioning, the other only partly functioning. The one kidney has been enough to keep Tommy alive, even though he has not grown at the normal rate.

Physicians attending Tommy say that within the next six months he will need a kidney machine to take over until a kidney transplant can be performed, and this could take years, since the structure of the donor must be as nearly as possible the same as the recipient.

Tommy could use one of the kidney machines at San Francisco U.C. Hospital, but the catch is there are only three, and if Tommy's life is to be saved, he must have the machine the instant he needs it.

General Mills will supply a kidney machine in exchange for 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons, but all of the coupons have to be in by May 31, 1971.

To date the family has managed to collect 55,000, but much more help will be needed if a sufficient number

is collected to pay for the machine.

The Milpitas School System has "adopted" Tommy and is working on the project, and 40,000 of the coupons came from Arkansas and Arizona churches and schools, but it will take an average of 140,000 coupons per month to make the May 31 deadline.

Coupons for Tommy Davis should be sent to him at 6220 Omaha Court, San Jose 95123.

March 1, 1872—The Yellowstone National Park was established.

March 4, 1789—The Constitution of The United States became effective after ratification by nine states.

March 9, 1830—The first company to use "Trust Company" as part of its title was the City Bank-Farmer's Trust Company in New York which was chartered on this date.

March 12, 1912—Captain Albert Berry made the first parachute jump from an airplane at an altitude of 1,500 feet while the plane was traveling at 50 miles an hour.

March 15, 1867—The University of Michigan was established as the first state university supported by a direct property tax.

March 20, 1890—The General Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in New York City.

March 24, 1792—Benjamin West, an American artist, was named president of the Royal Academy of London.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

## Church By Candlelight

Charleston Church; Feb. 24; Rev. Kelly Dampier, pastor; Family Life Revival; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, preacher. The Sunday night conference at Training Union time and the evening worship were held by candlelight because of the Delta storms but, nevertheless, attended by a significant number. There were a number of rededications during the revival, with three additions by letter and one by profession of faith.

Star Church; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor, recently observed their second Family Life Revival emphasis led by Dr. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson. Attention was given to seven facets of family life, perhaps the high-spot being the senior adult luncheon, with forty-eight in attendance.



## Conversation In Chile

Senora Elsa Blanco Sarmiento sees few visitors in her poverty-stricken barrio (neighborhood) in Antofagasta, Chile. But one who comes is Missionary Lois Hart, Miss Hart, a nurse, often initiates conversations by asking about a child in the family. Her friendly visits leave the Senora no doubt about the missionary's concern to keep the Sarmiento family in contact with the church. From such contacts grow the kind of impressions the Holy Spirit often uses to effect life-changing faith.

## Revival Dates

First, Magee: March 7-12; Dr. David Grant, Broadmoor, Jackson, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, musicians; F. B. Hood, Philadelphia, organist; services at 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Oliver C. Ladnier, pastor.

Big Level, Wiggins; March 7-14; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Alvin Sullivan, pastor of Bethany, Mobile, evangelist; Hubert Greer, minister of music, First, Picayune, music director; Rev. David Perry, pastor; Mrs. David Perry, pianist.

Shaw: March 7-12; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, director, Christian Action Commission, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Albert Breazeale, pastor; services at 11:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the week.

Colonial Heights, Jackson: March 14-21; Rev. David Walker, Cleveland, Tenn., evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, music team; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor.

East Central Junior College, Baptist Student Center, revival services this week, March 1-4; services at 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. moments of meditation, 11:50 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.; Rev. Charles Shipman of Sayre, Alabama, preaching; revival theme — "Conquering Inner Space."



## Off The Record

A man who was very much interested in old books recently ran into an unbookish acquaintance of his who'd just thrown away an old Bible which had been packed away in the attic of his ancestral home for generations. He happened to mention it. "Who printed it, do you know?" asked the book lover quietly.

"Somebody named Guten — something," recalled the man with an effort.

"Not Gutenberg!" gasped the book lover. "You idiot, you've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy sold at auction recently for over \$400,000."

The other man was unmoved. "My copy wouldn't have brought a dime," he announced firmly. "Some fellow named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it."

A famous nutritionist says we are what we eat. Nuts must be a more common diet than we ever imagined.

Teaching children ethics and morals presents difficulties. Take the woman who had been lecturing her small son on the benefits of unselfishness. She concluded with "We are all in the world to help others."

After due consideration, he asked: "Well, then, what are the others here for?"

A fellow who called himself an "enlightened atheist" once went on a tour of a monastery. At the end of the inspection he remarked smugly to the monk who had been his guide: "Just think now, if God doesn't exist, and I think that's the case, then you will have wasted your whole life."

The monk, just as smugly, replied: "If I am wrong, I shall have wasted only 50 to 70 years. But if you are wrong, you will waste an eternity."

A prim little old lady was telling her friend about the awful shock of finding two empty whiskey bottles in her garbage can.

"You can imagine my embarrassment," she said. "I didn't want the garbage man to think I drank."

"What did you do with them?" asked the friend.

"Well, the minister lives next door," was the reply, "so I put them in his garbage can. Everybody knows he doesn't drink."



## High School Day At Clarke March 20

Shown above is the Spring High School Day Planning Committee for High School Day at Clarke, March 20. Left to right: Joan Sullivan, Dow Ford, Gretta Benefield, Rhonda Gregory, Rita Brashier, Peggy Skelton, Woodie Burt, Admissions Counselor; and Larry Lawrence. Not pictured is Wayne Buffington.

Letters of invitation are being sent to hundreds of students all over Mississippi, as well as to many living out of the state, to be guests of Clarke College on High School Day. In addition, pastors are invited to bring prospective students. Registration is to begin at 9:00 in the college library. A full day of activities is being planned, including campus tours, sing-alongs, conferences, lunch, a talent program, and a ball game.

Woodie Burt, admissions counselor, states that overnight entertainment will be furnished by the college to those who come 150 miles or more, if the college is notified one week in advance.

## Wiggins' Senior Adults, "The Happy Hour Band," Enjoy Special Luncheon

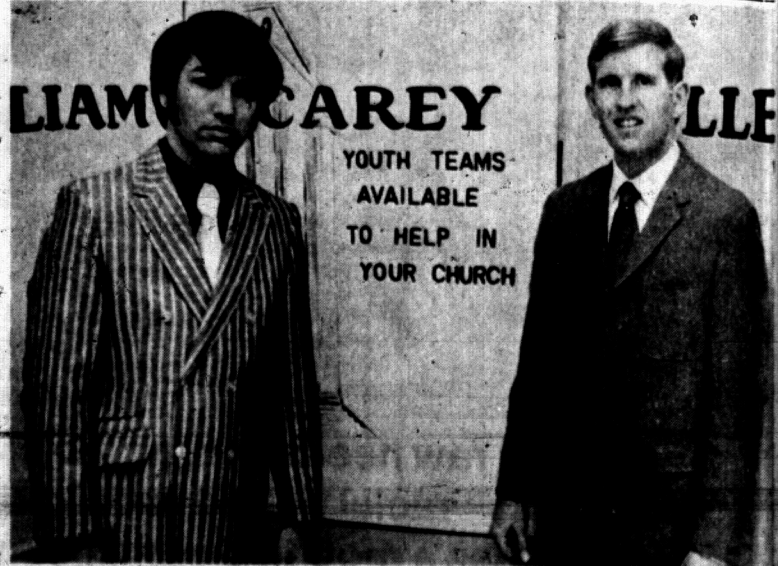
The senior adults of First Church, Wiggins, who recently organized as the Happy Hour Band, held their February Valentine Luncheon Friday, February 19. The theme, carried out in decorations and program, was "Garden of Memories."

Cecil L. Harper, minister of music and youth of the church, sang several "songs to remember," and Cecelia Starr of the South Mississippi Economic Development District spoke on the older Americans program.

Mrs. Mitche Boone presided over the luncheon in the absence of the president, Mrs. N. J. Lee. Mrs. Boone also led in a game called "flowers to remember." Suellen Batson, pianist, furnished "melodies to remember," and accompanied Mr. Harper.

Mrs. Myrtle Baker, Miss Meetha Davis and Mrs. Elva Bell served the covered-dish meal, and Mrs. Hollie Batson was in charge of decorations.

Entertainment was led by Rev. J. B. Rogers; and the benediction was led by Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor of the church.



## Youth Teams Available From Carey College

Posing before a display board at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference recently, are two Carey College students who will be among others involved in a special "Teams to Local Churches" program. Michael Von Kanel, left, a church music major, and William E. Anderson, a ministerial student, will be joining other students as needed by Baptist churches in Mississippi to lead youth revivals, fellowships, retreats, and dialogue sessions. Interested pastors are urged to contact Dorman Laird at Carey College. Mr. Laird is Director of Religious Activities for the school.